

TOWN OF NORWELL



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2012

TOWN DIRECTORY

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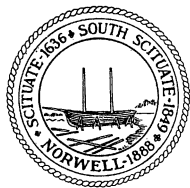
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<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>	781-659-8012
<u>ASSESSOR’S DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8014
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<i>Inspectors: Building, Wire, Gas, Plumbing</i>	<i>Inspections by Appointment</i>
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<i>64 South Street (Library Hours change according to School Year)</i>	
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IN MEMORIAM

Richard A. Gaudette	January 4, 2012	Develop. & Indust. Comm. Golf Course Comm. Golf Course Study Comm. Board of Appeals Norwell Fire Chief
William B. Early	January 31, 2012	Perm. Drainage Comm. Senior Tax Relief Comm.
Barbara B. Meacham	February 4, 2012	Election Worker
Robert R. McLaughlin	April 8, 2012	Norwell Firefighter
Luanne M. Jacobs	May 23, 2012	Norwell School Teacher
Charles R. Mesheau	August 28, 2012	Custodian
Mary C. Lizotte	Sept. 24, 2012	Election Worker Cemetery Committee Veteran's Memorial Comm. Common Project Comm. Historical Distr. Study Comm. Arts Lottery Council



Town of Norwell

Plymouth County

Massachusetts

2012 Population 10,953, Land area 21 square miles, Normal temperature, January: 27F, Normal Temperature, July 70.0F, Elevation at Town Hall approximately 81 feet above sea level, Town Meeting form of government with 3-member Board of Selectmen as Executive Authority.

REPRESENTATIVES IN STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

U. S. Senators
Scott P. Brown (R)
John F. Kerry (D)

Governor's Council 4th District
Christopher A. Iannello, Jr. (D)

Representative in Congress, 10th District
William D. Delahunt (D)

County Commissioners
Anthony T. O'Brien (R)
John P. Riordan, Jr. (D)
Sandra Wright (R)

State Representative, 5th Plymouth District
Rhonda L. Nyman (D)

State Senator, Norfolk & Plymouth District
Robert L. Hedlund (R)

Sheriff, Plymouth County
Joseph D. MacDonald (D)

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Maureen Clark-Lewis
Susan Kirby
Rebecca Freed
Charles R. Markham

3 YRS

2015
2014
2013
2012

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mary E. Doherty
Peter M. Dillon
John O. Litchfield
Brian Flynn, Agent

3 YRS

2015
2014
2013
Appt.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David DeCoste
Ellen H. Allen
Gregg McBride
John G. Mariano

3 YRS

2015
2014
2013
2012

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Peter Dillon
Steven P. Ivas
Frederick H. St. Ours
John R. McInnis, Supt.

3 YRS

2015
2014
2013
Appt.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR/DIRECTOR

Paul M. Foulsham

3 YRS

2013

NORWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Fred N. Levin
John F. Carnes, Jr.
Edward F. Walsh, Jr.
Nancy J. Dooley
Colleen Sullivan-Locchi, Director

3 YRS

2015
2015
2014
2013
Appt.

NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Peter J. Kapolka
Christine E. Smith
Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas
Sarah C. Summers
Henry E. Goldman
Kathryn E. Mudgett
Rebecca C. Freer, Director

3 YRS

2015
2015
2014
2014
2013
2013
Appt.

PLANNING BOARD

Margaret Etzel
Kenneth Cadman
Sally I. Turner
Kevin P. Jones
Kevin F. Cafferty
Chris Dilorrio

3 YRS

2015
2014
2014
2013
2013
App't.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MaryLou O'Leary
Kiersten H. Warendorf
Brian S. Noble
Glenn C. Ferguson
Amy Koch

3 YRS

2015
2014
2014
2013
2013

TOWN CLERK

Patricia M. Anderson
Laurie A. Davis, Assistant

3 YRS

2014
Appt.

TOWN MODERATOR

William C. Coffey

1 YR

2013

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

ADA COORDINATOR

Timothy J. FitzGerald

ADVISORY BOARD

Gary D.	Thomas	2015
Jacquelyn	McClean	2015
Jason	Brown	2015
MaryEllen	Coffey	2014
Timothy W.	Greene	2014
George	Jamieson	2014
Ralph D.	Gordon	2013
Spencer	Joseph	2013
Megan	Collins	2013
Peter M.	Shea	2012

ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

William C.	Coffey	2013
Ellen H.	Allen	2013
Timothy W.	Greene	2013

AMBULANCE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

James Boudreau
T. Andrew Reardon, Chief
Angela M. Chandler

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Paul W. Murphy 2013

ATHLETIC FIELD COMMITTEE

Richard	Webber	2015
Jeff	Bergholtz	2015
Mark C	Maiellano	2014
Jeannie	Burtch	2014
Eric	Thorbahn	2014
Glenn	Ferguson	2013
David C.	Benedict	2013
Paul M.	Molinari	2012

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Arthur J.	Lunny	2015
Susan K.	Solis	2015
Richard P.	Barry	2014
Joyanne R.	Bond	2014
Gillian	Parker	2014
Susan Fuller	Hall	2013
Peg	Norris	2013
Robert H.	Norris	2013
David W.	White	2012
Charles	Morgan	2012

BOARD OF APPEALS

Philip Y.	Brown	2015
David L.	Turner	2014
Lois S.	Barbour	2013

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

Thomas P.	Harrison	2015
Michael E.	Kiernan	2014

40B SPECIAL ALTERNATE

Patrick J.	Haraden	Simon Hill Village	Duration
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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

James C.	Pinkham	2015
Joseph R.	Carty	2015
Regina T.	Giordani	2014
Patricia M.	Anderson	2014
Donald	Hansen	2012
Bruce S.	Burgess	2012

BUILDING INSPECTOR ALT.

Gerald	O'Neill	2015
Michael B.	Simpson	2014

BURIAL AGENT

Patricia M.	Anderson	2014
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CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Charles	Markham	2015
Gregg	McBride	2014
Ruth A.	Horgan	2014
Virginia	Giordano	2013

CAPITAL BUDGET

Jeff	Fitzgerald	2014
Kevin J.	Burns	2014
Megan	Collins	2013
Kevin P.	Jones	2013
Stephanie	Molinari	2013
Richard	Sulc	2013
Jason	Brown	2012

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

T. Andrew Reardon, Chief

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Pattie M.	Nelson	2015
Deborah M.	Paine	2015
Kevin	Cohane	2015
Michele D.	Bickford	2014
Calista A.	Andrews	2014
Laurie	Galvin	2014
Michele D.	O'Hara	2013

Margaret	Karns	2012	Nathalie	Vining	2013
Wendy L.	Kennedy	2012	Jane W.	Bogaty	2013
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE		3 YRS	Gail	Nogueria	2013
Margaret	Etzel	2015	CUSHING MEMORIAL DIRECTORS		3 YRS
Fred N.	Levin	2015	Donna M.	Cunio	2015
Patricia G.	Richardson	2015	James E.	Fitzgerald	2014
Robert H.	Norris	2015	Paul S.	Tedeschi	2013
Ann	Buchanan	2015	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		3 YRS
John	Mariano	2015	Richard A.	Merritt	2015
David M.	Osborne	2014	Jeff	DeMarco	2014
Rebecca Z.	Freed	2013	Patrick	Campbell	2014
Alison	Demong	2013	Michael J.	Tobin	2013
Charles	Markham	2012	Lenord	Cubellis	2013
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		3 YRS	Sally	Turner	duration
David M.	Magee	2015	Andrew	McAllister	2012
William	Grafton III	2015	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER		
Bruce	Humphrey	2015	Theodore J.	Ross Police Chief	
David M.	Osborne	2014	T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief	
Lori	Hillstrand	2014	FENCE VIEWER		1 YR
Robert	Woodill	2014	Cliff	Prentiss	2013
Marynel	Wahl-Halatsis	2013	FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Mary	McCarthy	2012	T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief	
Sean M.	Sutton	2012	CAPTAINS:		
CONSTABLES		3 YRS	Kenneth R.	Benting	
Kevin J.	Dalton	2015	Shane P.	McMahon	
Jerold S.	Loomis	2015	Jeffrey C.	Simpson	
Michael C.	Moore	2015	Stephen M.	Sweeney	
Peter J.	Carlson	2015	FIRE FIGHTERS:		
Kevin A.	Bullock	2015	Eric	Chiasson	
David	Lewis	2014	John R.	Cushing	
Thomas C.	Scavitto	2013	Keith E.	Donaghey	
Theodore A.	Baldwin	2012	George P.	Doucette	
Richard	Rocci, Jr.	2012	JD	Dwyer	
COUNCIL ON AGING		3 YRS	Jon M.	Healy	
Wesley H.	Osborne, Jr.	2015	Tyler	Hannigan	
Ann M.	Horrigan	2014	Steven A.	Jackman	
Dorothy E.	Lynch	2014	Jeffrey	Jacobson	
Ann J.	Valair	2014	David J.	Kean	
Maureen	Melanson	2013	Harry L.	Merritt	
Bonnie J.	Campbell-Dunn	2013	William J.	Milne	
Marion C.	McLaughlin	2013	Jeannie N.	Payne	
Rosemary	O'Connor, Director		Michael B.	Ryan	
CULTURAL COUNCIL		2 YRS	Robert F.	Silva	
Constance	Stone	2014	Dave	Smith	
Cynthia A.	Wright	2013	Michael	Teague	
Jane W.	Shanny	2013			
Elaine	Garvey	2013			
Kelly	Kehoe	2013			
Deborah	Cox	2013			
Pat	Bigger	2013			

CALL FIREFIGHTERS;

David	Afienko
Michael	Cohen
Sean	Ford
Ryan	Furlong
Michael	Josti
Parker	Merritt
Alex	Morena
Michael	Smiddy
Theodore	Tallman
John	Ward

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief
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GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**1 YR**

Edward J.	Geswell	2013
Edward J.	Geswell III, Alternate	2013
Michael	Hoadley	2013
Gary A.	Young, Alternate	2013
John E.	Hoadley, Alternate	2012

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**3 YRS**

Eric	Russo	2015
Daniel P.	Collins	2015
Elizabeth	Gordon	2013
Donald E.	Shute	2013
Paula Kilm	White	2012

HARBORMASTER

Ronald P.	Mott	12/31/12
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HIGHWAY/TREE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT COMM.

None

James M.	Boudreau
Gregg	McBride
Paul M.	Foulsham

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**1 YR**

Paul W.	Murphy	4/30/2013
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**3 YRS**

Timothy J.	FitzGerald	2013
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INSPECTOR OF WIRES**1 YR**

Charles	Palmeri	2013
John C.	Lunn, Alternate	2013

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE**3 YRS**

George	Preble	2015
Jay	McOsker	2015
Jon	Bond	2014
Stephen	Hull	2014
Katherine	Kardok	2014
Janet	Watson	2013

Kim	Zayotti	2013
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MAPC**Duration**

James M.	Boudreau
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MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**Duration**

Richard A.	Caldwell
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MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER

James M.	Boudreau
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NORTH RIVER CLEANUP**Duration**

William A.	Bernardi
James H.	Jenkins, Jr.
John G.	Marshall

NORTH RIVER COMMISSION**3 YRS**

Gary D.	Thomas	2013
Dennis J.	Mahoney	2013

NORTH RIVER PATROL**1 YR**

Joseph	Strazdes	2013
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NORWELL CEMETERY COMMITTEE**3 YRS**

Gertrude H.	Daneau	2015
Richard	Haritgan	2015
Francis J.	Nagle	2015
Lynne	Rose	2015
Mary C.	Lizotte	2012

NORWELL COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST**2 YRS**

Charles	Markham	2015
Peter M.	Shea	2015
Patricia G.	Richardson	2014
Andy	Readon	2014
Bruce	Burgess	2014

NORWELL ENERGY COMMITTEE**1 YR**

Mary	Cole	2013
Robert A.	McMackin	2013
Russ	Paulin	2013
David	Brooks	2012
David	Yampanis	2012
Patricia A.	Lederer	2012
Mark F.	Nittel	2012

NORWELL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**3 YRS**

David	DeGhetto	2015
Robert H.	Norris	2015
Wendy M.	Bawabe	2015
Nancy	McBride	2014
Patricia	Shepherd	2013
Richard	Knox	2012

OVERHEAD WIRE COMMITTEE

David DeGhetto
Joseph R. Carty
Arthur Joseph, Jr.

Duration

Daniel A. Dooley
Jeffrey Johnson
Scott S. Keene
Matthew Manning
John A. McDevitt

PATHWAY COMMITTEE**1 YR**

David M. Magee
Sally I. Turner
Kevin Cafferty
Anne M. Staples
Kenneth Cadman
Patrick Palzkill
Scott D. Raeside
Sean M. Sutton

2015
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Robert M. Meagher
Francis N. Molla, Jr.
William R. Pasteris
Edward R. Phelps
Bryan Resnick
Sean M. Sutton

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS;

Ernest Anastasio 2013
Michael A. Brenton 2013
Kevin J. Driscoll 2013
Katelin Jenkins 2013
Matthew R. Luccarelli 2013
Maureen Shirkus 2013
Thomas L. Twigg 2013

PERMANENT BUILDING & MAINTENANCE**3 YRS**

James E. Fitzgerald
Andrew Whittaker
Frederick D. Hayes
Glenn C. Ferguson
Mark McGlinchey
Thomas F. O'Neill
Donald Messinger
George P. Williams
James L. McKenney

2015
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2012

CLERKS;

Heather Collins
Donna Galvin
Mary Merritt
Kimberly Papile
Barbara Papile
Daniel Campanelli

PERMANENT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**3 YRS**

Paul M. Foulsham, Ex officio
Michael W. McDonald

2014
2012

RECREATION COMMISSION**3 YRS**

Virginia M. Maree 2015
Patricia G. Richardson 2015
David J. Kean 2014
Anne Staples 2013
Denise M. Nestor 2012
Dale Connor, Director

PERSONNEL BOARD**3 YRS**

Adrienne Vavpetic
Tammie Garner
Jane A. Stout
James M. Boudreau
Robert R. Kustka

2015
2014
2013
Appt.
2012

RECYCLING COMMITTEE**3 YR**

Holly Mayer Wenger 2015
Marjorie J. Domey 2015
Carole P. McCarthy 2015
Anne Fridgen-Traft 2014
Vicky E. Spillane 2013
Norman E. Thoms 2013
Joanne M. Dirk 2012

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Theodore J. Ross, Chief
John Suurhan, Deputy Chief

SERGEANTS;

Richard Bosworth
Robert E. Clark
Ronald C. Fries
Dennis R. Lynch
William Lynch
Urpo J. E. Nurmenniemi
Timothy P. O'Brien

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Virginia M. Maree
Jill M. O'Loughlin

PERMANENT OFFICERS:

Carol Bszurick
Kenneth Camerota
John Carnes III

SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES**1 YR**

Peter J. Jones

2013

SIGN-ZONING OFFICER

Timothy J. FitzGerald

S.S. RECYCLING CO-OP

Norman E. Thoms
Joanne M. Dirk

3 YRS

2013
2012

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Angela M. Chandler
Mary K. Merritt, Asst.

3 YRS

2014

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Robert L. Molla, Jr.

3 YRS

2015

TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE

John A. Micek
Paul M. Foulsham
T. Andrew Reardon
Theodore J. Ross
Robert W. Foulsham

3 YRS

2013
2013

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Robert W. Galvin, Esq., Asst

Duration

Robert W. Foulsham

2013

STORM WATER PHASE II COMMITTEE

Paul M. Foulsham
Greg McBride
Jack R. McGinnis, Alt.
Neil Merritt, Alt

Duration**TRENCH INSPECTOR**

Paul M. Foulsham-Highway Dept.
Timothy J. FitzGerald, Bldg. Inspt.

Duration**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

James M. Boudreau

Appt.

VETERAN'S AGENT

Michael Thorp
Richard A. Caldwell

1 YR

2013
2012

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Donna G. Mangan
Nancy Dooley, Ass't

3 YRS

2015

VETERAN'S GRAVE OFFICER

Michael Thorp
Richard A. Caldwell

1 YR

2013
2012

TOWN COUNSEL

Robert E. Galvin, Esq.
Robert W. Galvin, Esq., Asst

TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

James Boudreau
Warren MacCullum
Blaz Vavpetic
David Cawthorne
Matthew P. Power
Frank White
Marynel Wahl-Halatsis
Margaret O'Connor

1 YR

2013
2013
2013
2013
2013
2013
2013
2012

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In 2012, the Board of Selectmen worked closely with the other Boards and Committees to create a budget for Fiscal Year 2013 which balanced the needs of the community and the cost to tax payers. By 2012, the Town had reached a point where the constraints of Proposition 21/2, the continued reductions in state aid, and lack of new growth left virtually no funds with which to manage our core operating costs. Coupled with growth in the school population and the extraordinary increases in fixed costs (particularly health care), the Town had reached a crossroads. The Board put forth a \$2.8 million override for the Town to consider at the May 2012 Town Meeting, which was passed by the voters and sent to a special election, where it was approved 2575 to 1374. Town Meeting reconvened following the election and approved an override-supported budget of more than \$42 million. The majority of the new funds went to address the growing student population and long neglected needs in the School Department.

David DeCoste was elected to a three-year term as a Selectman, replacing incumbent John Mariano who had served on the Board for 12 years. Gregg McBride was elected Chairman of the Board, with Ellen Allen as Vice-Chairman and David as Clerk. In addition to John's 12 years as a Selectman he was a member of the Advisory Board for a number of years before that. We thank him for his service and many contributions to the Town.

Norwell is a community of volunteers and our citizens lend their time and talents to the community in a variety of ways. We are grateful to everyone who contributes their time to the running of the Town, from the committees and boards of Town government to the Friends of Library and the Friends of Norwell who run the food pantry, to the volunteers who maintain the trails in our conservation areas.

In 2012 the Town collaborated with all of its unions to reach an agreement on health insurance to reduce both current and future costs to tax payers. This has been a boost to our efforts to balance the Town's budget and control future costs. In 2012, the Board engaged in a number of initiatives to control costs and to grow revenues without increasing residential taxes. The Economic Development Committee has worked to develop policies and zoning bylaws to enhance development in the business areas of Town.

The Board also worked on plans for improvements and/or replacement of buildings and facilities. The Board continued to look for ways to solve the problems with the Police station on River Street after the Town voted down a new Station next to the Fire Station in 2011. Further study of the existing station was commissioned to determine the costs of upgrading the station in its current location. The Board will recommend a course of action in 2013. The long process of environmental permitting a new cemetery at Stetson Meadows continued during 2012. In addition, the Board worked closely with Paul Foulsham on Highway Barn Improvements and compliance with environmental orders. A large area on the west side of the property was restored which also made way for the new bicycle path. The Board also began planning for an Energy Services Contract (ESCO) to take the energy savings measures in buildings in Town, including the school buildings.

Anticipating that the Board of Selectmen will change to a five person Board in 2013 as a result of the charter change, the Board began writing new policies and procedures, including formalizing fiscal policies.

The Board is grateful to Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau for his enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of the Town. We also thank Assistant to the Town Administrator Lynda Allen and Administrative Assistant Denise Nestor for their able assistance throughout the year. They are often the initial voice or face who the public encounters as representatives of the Board and we thank them for their hard work. They provide invaluable assistance to anyone and everyone who requests it.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg McBride
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

2012 was a busy and exciting year in the Office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. The continuing fiscal meltdown had severe repercussions on the Town's ability to provide services until the Town voted passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Override in the Spring..

David DeCoste was elected to a three-year term on the Board defeating long-time incumbent John Mariano. John was a Selectmen for 12 years and was a member of the Advisory Board prior to that. His contributions to the Board, particularly on fiscal issues will be missed. David comes to the Board from the US Army and is a native of Norwell and a product of the Norwell Public Schools. Gregg McBride was elected Chairman of the Board, with Ellen Allen becoming Vice-Chairman and David becoming Clerk.

The Annual Town Meeting convened on May 7th with the still lagging state and national economies continuing to put pressure on the Town's ability to deliver services. After considerable debate and discussion, the Board of Selectmen put forth a \$2.8 million override for the Town to consider for FY14, with the majority of the funds going to address long neglected needs in the School Department. The budget debate was postponed until after the election to decide the override question. The override was passed by the voters and sent to a special election, where it was approved 2575 to 1374. The Monday following the election, Town Meeting reconvened and approved an override supported budget of more than \$42 million. In addition, Town Meeting disposed of 49 Articles and an annual budget exceeding \$42 million.

The Town commenced work on an Energy Services Contract (ESCO) that is designed to study the energy use in the Town's buildings (including the schools) and propose energy conservation measures to reduce our energy usage and our carbon foot print. The Town selected Ameresco as the vendor for the ESCO process after participating in a regional bid through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Chapter 25A of the General Laws allows a municipality to enter into an energy service agreement where a company is contracted to do specified energy conservation work for a community and the company guarantees, under statute, that the cost of the energy savings measures installed is greater than the annual cost of financing the bonds issued to complete the work. An article will be put forth at the FY14 Town Meeting to move forward with the energy savings measures.

Ben Flynn continues the job of broadcasting weekly Selectmen's meetings on local access cable. Ben has worked diligently to continue to improve the product being produced. Each week he takes time out of his schedule to set up the cable equipment and televise the Selectmen's meeting to the Town. Without him this vitally important conduit to the public would be closed. The Town completed the process of replacing the outdated cable studio equipment and making the connection to Verizon's cable system, giving residents a choice in their cable provider for the first time.

No office can run without hard-working and dedicated employees. The Board is fortunate to have the services of Assistant to the Town Administrator Lynda Allen and Administrative Assistant Denise Nestor. They do all the work necessary to make everything work on a daily basis and provide invaluable assistance to anyone and everyone who requests it. I am eternally grateful for their hard work and dedication.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank the Board of Selectmen for their support over the past year, as well as the Advisory Board, the Department Heads, Boards, Committees and Commissions who make this Town what it is.

Respectively submitted,
James M. Boudreau
Town Administrator

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Citizens of Norwell and the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit this annual report for 2012 to the residents of the Town of Norwell and to the officials who volunteer, are appointed or elected serve on Norwell various boards, commissions and departments.

The Office of Norwell Town Counsel is staffed by myself and Town Counsel Robert W. Galvin. Each year my office strives to provide the Town of Norwell, its boards, commissions and officials the highest quality municipal legal advice in the most cost-effective manner.

As I have found each year, the experience and dedication of the Town's administration, boards and commissions and their staffs has been a crucial element in the efficient management of the town's legal affairs.

The Office of Town Counsel first and foremost is probably most notably involved in cases where the Town of Norwell is subjected to legal action of one sort or another by persons who claim they are owed money, have had their legal rights infringed by the town, or otherwise where the town must take legal action to prevent a violation of local bylaws or protect and assert its own position. There are typically ten to fifteen cases involving litigation at any given time. The following is a summary list of pending/recently disposed of litigation:

<u>Name of Case:</u>	<u>Nature of Case:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Allen v. Planning Board	ANR Appeal	Inactive
Cole v. White Barn Lane and Zoning Board	Zoning Appeal	Pending
Conservation Commission v. Dirubbo	Wetlands Enforcement Action	Pending
Kelly v. Conservation Commission	Wetlands Bylaw Appeal	Disposed by Judgment
MacDonald v. Zoning Board	Zoning Appeal	Pending
Meacham v. Zoning Board	Zoning Appeal	Disposed by Judgment
Murphy v. Norwell	Drainage Dispute	Disposed by Judgment
Murphy v. Planning Board	ANR Appeal	Partial Judgment
Simon Hill v. Zoning Board	40B Appeal	Pending
Sullivan v. Zoning Board (2)	Zoning Appeal	Settled by Private Litigants
Trenz v. Norwell	Drainage/Title	Judgment after Appeal

Webb v. Planning Board	ANR Appeal	Partial Judgment
White Barn Lane v. Zoning Board	40B Appeal	Pending
Williams v. Zoning Board	Zoning Appeal	Disposed by Judgment Appeal Pending

Cost of Settled or Judgment Cases against Town: \$0.

The other duties of a Town Counsel are often not well known to the public since they are frequently set forth in our charter which is not often read; however, in general, the office of Town Counsel provides three types of services: (a) prosecution of claims and defenses on behalf of the town; (b) advisory services designed to guide officials and boards through the intricacies of legal system and legal requirements in order to prevent litigation; (c) review of policies, procedures and bylaws; (d) review of all contracts for form and substance; and, (d) issuance of advisory opinions and ethical opinions to public officials and employees.

During the last year, we attended to the finalization of the charter, attended and advised the Selectmen and Moderator before, during and after Town Meetings, rendered advisory opinions, reviewed draft charter language, consulted on proceedings before the Selectmen and Board of Registrars, reviewed Community Preservation matters and respond to inquiries on a variety of other municipal issues including historical preservation, licensing of town properties wetland regulations, subdivision control law, property rights, open meeting issues, ethics, and other various municipal issues. I am also called to draft, review and approve municipal contracts and have done so, again, on many occasions during the year.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude in particular to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Police Chief and Fire Chief, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Town Planner, Conservation Agent, Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, Building Inspector, Finance Director, our Town Clerk and the Community Preservation Committee and all of their staffs for their support, as well as the various other town officials and employees who support the office of Town Counsel.

It is a privilege to be of assistance with your legal matters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert E. Galvin, Town Counsel
Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING OFFICER

The Inspections Department had a very productive year for 2012. The housing market has loosened a bit and several subdivisions are generating new houses. There are two 40B developments ongoing and two on the books for approvals from the state. Solar powered arrays and energy upgrades have started to bring the Green Codes closer to reality and to conserve energy usage. As always, the seniors through the Senior Work Program continue to help our department where needed and are greatly appreciated!

<u>RESIDENTIAL PERMITS</u>		<u>COMMERCIAL PERMITS</u>	
New Dwellings	32	New Dwellings	21
Alteration/Renovations	105	Alterations/Renovations	32
Barns	1	Demolition Permits	3
Demolition Permits	6	Re-roofs	6
Garages	5	Signs	32

Pools	8	Tents	4
Re-roofs	50	Misc/Decks/Sheds	25
Tents	6	Solar	3
Wood Stoves	14		
Sheds, Decks, Misc.	151		
Solar	8		

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy J. FitzGerald, Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer
Michael B. Simpson, Alternate Building Inspector

PLUMBING AND GAS DEPARTMENT

The office of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector continued to see an overall increase in the number of permits for the year 2012. There were 209 plumbing permits, 160 gas permits and 15 hot water heater permits. Much of the increase is attributable to renovations and new construction. Each permit requires at least two inspections, a rough and a final.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Geswell, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Michael Hoadley, Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector

WIRING INSPECTOR

The Office of the Inspector of Wires saw an increase in permits for calendar year 2012, processing approximately 474 electrical permits. Requests for inspection included but were not limited to new construction, renovations, additions, service installations, appliance upgrades, fire and security alarms, voice data and video, swimming pools, septic systems, and standby generators. The Town has upwards of 1 million watts of green energy production considering the numerous installations of small arrays on individual dwellings and three significant sized projects, including the 50kW array on the Middle School. The Office of the Inspector of Wires also responds to emergency requests from the Town of Norwell's Police and Fire Departments. The Inspector of Wires holds office hours at the Town Offices Mondays thru Thursdays, 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

We wish to thank the entire Building Department as well as the other offices throughout the Town of Norwell for their continued assistance throughout the calendar year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles J. Palmieri, Inspector of Wires
John Lunn, Alternate Inspector of Wires

BOARD OF APPEALS

During calendar year 2012, the Board of Appeals held public hearings on thirteen (13) meeting dates to review and act upon a total of fifteen (15) applications under M.G.L. c. 40A and c. 40B. Most residential applications were closed in one evening with certain commercial applications continued over one or more meeting nights.

Appeal of Action by Building Inspector:	Denial	1
	Withdrawal	1

Common Driveway		1
Site Plan Review/Special Permit		2
Special Permit-Business District C		1
Special Permit and Section 6 Finding	Approvals	6
	Denial	1
Sign Variance		2

In addition to its other responsibilities, the Board of Appeals is the permit-granting authority under M.G.L. c. 40B, the so-called “anti-snob zoning” law. This law offers a developer the opportunity to bypass many of the Town’s zoning and planning regulations by increasing density over that allowed by right under the zoning bylaw, in exchange for 25% affordable housing units within a proposed project. Any town which does not have 10% or more of its housing stock qualified as “affordable” in accordance with Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) rules, remains vulnerable to 40B applications.

The status of the Town’s Comprehensive Permits under construction or in litigation is indicated below. The Town has received escrow from the developer for each project currently under construction, as allowed by applicable regulations, and further has engaged a qualified construction monitor under individual scopes of services contracts to oversee each project on behalf of the Town.

The Board continues to monitor construction of the thirty-nine (39) unit 40B project at 239 Washington Street with limited construction activity due to the current economic climate. Although no certificates of occupancy for individual units were issued in 2012, building permits were issued for Units 22, 23, and 24 in Building 6.

Construction on the Hingham portion of the Damon Farm 40B project located at Queen Anne’s Corner began in early summer 2012 with no building permits issued in Norwell at the time of the writing of this report. The decision for this project, permitting twenty-four units of which six are to be affordable in the Norwell portion of the project, was originally filed with the Town Clerk on November 7, 2008.

The Board’s decision on a Simon Hill 40B project, filed with the Town Clerk on June 29, 2009, and subsequent Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) ruling on the applicant’s appeal, dated October 13, 2011, remains under appeal to the Superior Court by abutters and the developer, awaiting future action. On November 19, 2012, the applicant filed a Notice of Project Change from the originally filed 84-unit homeownership project to 126-unit rental apartments to be constructed on the lower portion of the parcel off Prospect Street. The Board opened a public hearing on the revised project on January 2, 2013, with all members of the original panel assigned to hear the revised application.

Litigation appealing the Comprehensive Permit filed with the Town Clerk on May 19, 2008, for a proposed forty-four (44) unit condominium project, known as White Barn Village, located off Circuit and Forest Streets, is ongoing with all parties appealing the HAC decision of July 18, 2011 to the Superior Court, where further action by that court is scheduled during 2013.

All litigation relating to the Comprehensive 40B Permit issued to Tiffany Hill, LLC., has been resolved with twenty-four (24) units off Tiffany Road permitted but dependent upon final engineering.

The appeal by residents of Jacobs Pond Estates of the Board’s decision to deny amendment of the Comprehensive Permit, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 31, 2010, requiring an annual \$5,000 payment for maintenance of Jacobs Pond, was withdrawn in May 2012. Subsequently, the Board of Selectmen voted not to collect the required payment. However, the Board’s decision remains in the chain of title of each unit owner.

The Board is also involved in pending litigation relative to appeals of its decisions on property located at 342 Mount Blue Street, 281 Main Street, and Stony Brook Lane. Litigation on property at 42 Main Street has been resolved.

The Board's application filing fees collected during 2012 totaled \$7,800 and were added to the Town's general funds to help offset application review costs. The Board manages escrow funds for consultant review of 40B projects, as well as construction monitoring for 40B and commercial Site Plan Review projects in progress. The Board returned \$360.17 to the general funds from its FY 2012 budget of \$1,810.

The Board maintains an active presence on the Town's official website at www.townofnorwell.net, where the Town's Zoning Bylaw, the Board's Rules and Regulations, including instructions on how to file an application, public hearing application forms as well as other forms, and filing fee schedule are posted. Forms and other documents are also downloadable from the website. Meeting agendas and minutes, recent decisions, and other pertinent information are updated regularly. Paper copies of all forms are available at the Building/Zoning Office, while copies of the Zoning Bylaw and the Board's Rules and Regulations in both paper and electronic format can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office.

The Board enthusiastically welcomes back Ralph J. Rivkind and Patrick J. Haraden as special alternates, reappointed by the Board of Selectmen on December 19, 2012, to sit on the panel for the proposed project change application of the Simon Hill 40B. Their prior knowledge and experience are invaluable to the present public hearing process.

The Board of Appeals wishes to recognize with thanks and sincere appreciation its administrative assistant, Judy Ockerbloom, who has provided able help and support to the Board of Appeals over the past year, including continuing reorganization of files and implementation of other efficiencies. Thanks, also, to the Inspector of Buildings, Town boards, commission, and departments for technical assistance and advice. A special thanks to Town Administrator Jim Boudreau for his continuing support and to Town Counsel Robert W. Galvin for his advice and counsel and his ability to uphold the Board's decisions.

The Board of Appeals is honored and privileged to serve the residents of Norwell and strives to do so with consistency and fairness in all matters that come before it.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois S. Barbour, Chair
Philip Y. Brown, Vice-Chair
David Lee Turner, Assistant Clerk
Michael E. Kiernan, Clerk (Associate)
Thomas P. Harrison (Associate)

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Norwell.

Businesses and activities in the Town that are currently being serviced by the Sealer of Weights and Measures include:

- Supermarkets
- Pharmacies
- Gasoline service stations
- Propane sites
- Package stores
- Town and school facilities
- Food and coffee shops
- Miscellaneous activities with scales or scanners

During calendar year 2012, a total of 184 measuring devices were inspected and sealed. All required inspections and sealing activities were completed by the end of the year. The Commonwealth also

requires retail sales dispensers of motor oil to be licensed and the Sealer checks those licenses during his annual visit. The Sealer also investigates complaints relating to scales, scanners, and gas pumps throughout the year and requires corrective action.

The Sealer attends workshops and conferences necessary to maintain certification and necessary expertise to accomplish the job. All required certifications are current. In addition, all Town-owned sealer equipment has been tested and sealed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Weights and Measures Laboratory and found to be correct.

Sealing fees, in the amount of \$3446, collected by the undersigned in relation to the appointed office, have been turned into the appropriate Norwell Town Offices.

The annual report was filed prior to January 31, 2012 as required by state law. A copy of this report is on file at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter J. Jones
Sealer of Weights and Measures

2012 BIRTHS RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 2012

Total number of births: 74

Number of boys: 38

Number of girls: 36

2012 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Party A</u>	<u>Name of Party B</u>
January		
13	Christopher John McMahon of Norwell	Gabrielle Jeanne Guimond of DC
March		
11	Alfred Vincent Angeli of Norwell	Angela Carmela Passariello of Norwell
31	Patrick James Vitt of Weymouth	Donnamarie Elliott of Weymouth
April		
7	John Patrick Sullivan Jr. of Whitman	Ashley Marie Griffin of Whitman
7	Terrence Michael Manning Jr. of Norwell	Jennifer Lynn Borden of Norwell
28	Christopher Frank Mercurio of Norwell	Christi Patricia Haines of Norwell
May		
12	Kevin Saraiva Mimoso of Rhode Island	Lori Ann Kwiatanowski of Rhode Island
18	Christopher Albert Jones of Carver	Jin Ying Zhou of Norwell
26	Andrew David McDonald of Scituate	Denise Ann Fassnacht of Scituate
June		
2	Brendan Patrick Loughlin of Virginia	Danielle Nicole Devlin of Virginia
2	Jonathan Gerard Mariano of Pennsylvania	Abigail Donahue of Norwell

2	William Charles Haggerty Jr. of Norwell	Kathleen Ann Tighe of Norwell
2	David Arthur Blum of Brighton	Rachel Marie Cyrus of Brighton
2	Paul Stephen Genge of California	Hillary Ingrid Trent of California
9	Raymond Lawrence Tedeschi of Norwell	Jill Marie Moore-Sweeney of Norwell
16	Justin Howard Shepard of Norwell	Kathryn Elizabeth Wenzel of Norwell
23	Ross Daniel Roberts of New York	Katie Christine Snell of New York
July		
7	Todd Jason Portesi of Duxbury	Elizabeth Ann Scannell of Duxbury
14	Collin Dane Smythe of Norwell	Kathleen Ann Jevne of Norwell
20	Gerald Berkelaar of Norwell	Mary Lee Cole of Norwell
26	Donna Lee Watson of Texas	Paula Renee Watson of Texas
August		
4	David Corey Greene Jr. of Illinois	Courtney Marie Bergquist of Illinois
11	Benjamin Francis Reed of Middleborough Middleborough	Caroline Mae O'Connell of
September		
2	Matthew Daniel Hassell of New York	Julia Allyce Gaynor of New York
7	Anthony Preziosi of Rockland	Brett Aileen Camara of Rockland
15	Gary Bernard Coffey of Norwell	Lucy Mary Ziobro of Norwell
22	Joshua Jesse Dinneen of Norwell	Jennifer Fran Wawrzynowicz of Norwell
October		
4	Norman Clifton Hayden of New York	Jennifer Ann Hoarty of New York
6	Michael David Cohen of Norwell	Amanda Louise Prentice of Norwell
6	Timothy Joseph Kanya of Norwell	Jenelle Marie Foye of Norwell
13	Steven Patrick Ayers of Norwell	Patricia Anne McLarey of Norwell
25	Geoffrey Johnson Schmidt of Norwell	Susanne Elaine Churchill of Norwell
27	Mark I Hooper of Pennsylvania	Jennifer Joan Schmid of Virginia
November		
24	Jonathan Michael Weisenborn of Maryland	Kristin Marie O'Connor of Maryland
30	Patrick Scott Sutton of Norwell	Aimee Rebecca Sears of Norwell

2012 DEATHS RECEIVED IN NORWELL IN 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
January			
1	William F. Askin III	73	Norwell
3	Helen L. Ripley	95	Norwell
4	Joseph Thomas O'Connor	74	Norwell
8	Francis X. O'Loughlin	80	Norwell
13	Edward Byron Churchill	89	Norwell
13	Caroline R. Stafford	85	Hingham
17	Everett M. Pearl	82	Rhode Island
17	Paul Daniel Schwemin	83	Norwell
19	Wilfred Gagnon	90	Weymouth
21	Elizabeth Anne Ahern	66	Norwell
22	Gwen D. Sawtelle	99	New Hampshire
23	Edmond D. Gagne	87	Randolph
23	Ethel Catherine Kroeger	98	Norwell

24	Olga Emmel	89	Norwell
24	Maureen F. Lennerton	81	Norwell
29	Warren Arthur Lohnes	81	Hanover
31	Richard Freedman	88	Braintree
31	Sarah L. Gallahue	71	Norwell
31	Michael J. Zoladkowski	93	Norwell
31	Carol N. Marsh	82	Norwell
31	William B. Earley, Jr.	88	Norwell
February			
1	Suzanne L. Powers	72	Milton
3	Frances E. Slaven	93	Norwell
3	Alice M. Grey	73	Norwell
4	Barbara B. Meacham	92	Norwell
5	James D. Brokaw	85	Norwell
6	Elaine M. Sabadini	68	Norwell
6	Philip A. DeVasto, Sr.	92	Pembroke
8	Mary E. Ruvich	93	Rockland
15	Carmelina M. Chappel	88	Connecticut
15	George Rusling Humphreys	79	Hull
17	Elvira M. Holloway	88	Randolph
18	Patsy Gomez	82	Marshfield
25	Gladys E. Hain	81	Scituate
26	Agnes M. Knoblich	82	Hanover
26	Marcia Powers	76	Braintree
March			
2	Mildred Nora Spink	93	Norwell
3	Robert G. Sisson, Jr.	80	Norwell
6	Geneva C. Nihill	86	Rockland
9	Alma M. Krein	89	Norwell
9	Ann Glynn	36	Norwell
10	Leroy K. McKay	97	Norwell
11	Dorothy F. White	89	Boston
11	Helen Camara	93	Norwell
14	Joseph L. Graham	76	Quincy
16	Elaine M. Duffey	62	Norwell
18	Joseph F. Sciara	93	Abington
20	Ann Rita Turner	87	Hanson
25	Michael P. Brems	83	Braintree
27	Marilyn T. DiPasquale	68	Weymouth
April			
2	Mary Ann Loftus	80	Boston
5	Eunice Elaine Sullivan	96	Norwell
8	Mary F. McLaughlin	84	Marshfield
9	Brenda A. Federico	91	Weymouth
12	Ruth Ann Murphy	62	Norwell
14	Edward W. Grudak	100	Hanover
16	Richard R. Fowler Sr.	89	Waltham
26	Catherine F. Duggan	95	Weymouth
27	Arthur A. Birtwell	79	Norwell
30	Jacqueline A. Hurley	83	Hanover
May			
1	Michael R. McGoldrick	53	Norwell
3	Carmine Joseph Bonitati	94	Norwell
7	Denis F. Duffey	65	Norwell
10	Beatrice M. DiBona	92	Norwell
15	Helen M. Amoroso	84	Weymouth

20	Hugh Rogovin	81	Norwell
22	Ida M. Sangermano	95	Hanson
23	Luanne Marie Jacobs	63	Norwell
23	Jason C. Kelley	27	Norwell
29	Arthur Edward Donley	83	Norwell
29	Dwight S. Stimson Jr.	82	Norwell
30	Lucy M. King	89	Leominster
31	John J. Miller	97	Hanover
31	Dorothy Mae Grimm	95	Norwell
June			
2	Emily A. Testa	90	Norwell
2	Ruth A. Lindblom	84	Norwell
5	Elizabeth V. Nash	95	Weymouth
8	Susan M. Welch	55	Norwell
13	Helen M. Hibbett	90	Hanover
13	Eileen M. Cassidy	76	Norwell
19	Rena Testa	89	Quincy
19	Mary T. Howard	94	Norwell
20	John A. Zampine Jr.	80	Scituate
21	Margaret M. Malley	86	Weymouth
24	Barbara Schautz	75	Norwell
25	Charles G. Cataloni	80	Rockland
July			
3	Katherine Lois Smith	90	Norwell
6	Jeanne M. Tobin	82	Wellesley
7	Celia Shirley Sherkus	97	Hingham
17	Richard Wayne Pomeroy	90	Hingham
20	Barbara A. Doyle Feldstein	58	Norwell
21	Zaida Shaw	76	Quincy
23	Florence J. Nowak	90	Boston
28	Margaret E. Massey	71	Norwell
30	Philip R. Doyle	79	Quincy
August			
2	Peter J. Brady	63	Norwell
6	G. Alicia Warner	82	Norwell
7	Mary M. Cercone	97	Norwell
9	Thelma A. Osborne	97	Norwell
10	Irene L. Brewer	86	Milton
12	Marguerite Atrejene Johns	96	Hull
12	Myra Catherine Beck	96	Norwell
12	John T. Burke	81	Norwell
16	Barbara A. Dewey	82	Norwell
17	Neil M. Duncan	84	Weymouth
17	Sheila M. Gately	70	Norwell
19	Robert J. Mason	92	Hanson
24	Louise E. Hart	83	Braintree
25	Patricia J. Daly	88	Scituate
25	Ann Louise Ward	97	Cohasset
27	Nora A. Fahy	83	Norwell
28	Lillian A. Healey	64	Abington
28	Charles R. Mesheau	87	Norwell
29	Willis Nicklas	76	Duxbury
29	Jeanne M. McCormack	87	Weymouth
30	Morris B. Lipsky	90	Hull
September			
1	Margaret E. McCarthy	85	S. Easton

2	Gilberte B. Mahany	80	Norwell
2	Arthur G. Athanasiou	72	Norwell
3	Joan L. Keough	72	Weymouth
4	Dorothy E. Greene	92	Hanover
9	Irene M. Wilson	92	Norwell
16	Julia G. Macheras	89	Norwell
17	Thomas Murray Loftus	86	Cambridge
20	Angelo Anthony Logrippo Sr.	61	Norwell
28	Letty Wein	70	Hull
30	Deborah J. Gately	50	Norwell
October			
1	Charlotte Beach Messinger	69	Norwell
2	Richard P. Arnold	56	Norwell
4	Irene E. O'Toole	81	Pembroke
5	Richard G. Hoefer Sr.	82	Norwell
8	David A. Lizotte	76	Norwell
11	Ruth B. Ryerson	94	Weymouth
14	Robert J. Leavitt Jr.	60	Norwell
15	Florence A. Protulis	92	Norwell
17	Patricia Bonnie Charlebois	69	Norwell
17	Kathleen A. Foley	59	Weymouth
17	Gilbert G. Baiardi	78	Quincy
17	Laurence H. Babin	93	Braintree
18	Louis J. Carlesi	73	Pembroke
22	Daniel J. Kay	82	Hingham
24	Irene M. Kelly	89	Norwell
November			
5	Irene D. Cleary	94	Plymouth
6	Minnie M. Hamlett	105	Norwell
7	Beverly A. Griffith	70	Hanover
7	Alberta M. Keefe	89	Pembroke
11	Kathy L. Quint	63	Hull
13	Lucy A. Patti	81	Revere
14	Edwin J. Boyce	81	Norwell
16	Arthur W. Olive Jr.	92	Weymouth
17	Roy William Carson	75	Boston
17	Dorothy M. Hall	85	Norwell
18	Rumilda R. Gabrielle	98	Norwell
22	Mary Jane Daly	82	Marshfield
26	Peter L. Salvaggio	83	Norwell
27	Gilbert L. Burns	84	Marshfield
28	Pauline Angelini	82	Quincy
December			
2	Mariano J. DiBlasi	84	Braintree
10	Elizabeth A. D'Ancona	82	Norwell
11	Caroline Lewis	93	Pembroke
11	Michael W. McKinnon	56	Norwell
16	Elaine Ruth Iantosca	81	Norwell
17	Claire C. Reinhalter	83	Braintree
17	Dorothy C. Longo	92	Weymouth
18	Paul F. Kelley	82	Norwell
22	Frank J. Fazio	96	Quincy
28	Rose M. Gemellaro	91	Weymouth

DEATHS BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 2012

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
December 14, 1999	Oulton Sidney Hues	Georgia	Washington St.
January 8, 2010	Marjorie Evelyn Hues	Georgia	Washington St.
January 4, 2012	Richard Gaudette	Florida	Washington St.
February 14, 2012	Sylvia T. Prouty	New Hampshire	Washington St.
February 21, 2012	Beverly A. Mantia	Weymouth	Washington St.
March 22, 2012	Carol A. Murphy	Boston	Washington St.
April 13, 2012	Michael W. McLaughlin	Rockland	Washington St.
June 21, 2012	Alice E. Dwyer	Scituate	Washington St.
June 30, 2012	William Kerwin	Falmouth	Washington St.
July 9, 2012	Elizabeth K. Traynor	Kingston	Washington St.
July 17, 2012	Janet M. Sennett	Boston	Washington St.
August 9, 2012	Clara Winnier	Weymouth	Washington St.
September 8, 2012	Anne Marie H.H. Galloway	Virginia	First Parish
September 10, 2012	Eileen S. Martin	Barnstable	Washington St.
September 17, 2012	Nathan Hureau	Tennessee	Washington St.
September 24, 2012	Mary C. Lizotte	Maine	Church Hill
November 2, 2012	Mary Louise Verrochi	Weymouth	Washington St.
November 23, 2012	Eleanor Almy Norris	Duxbury	First Parish
December 3, 2012	Mary Ellen Grant	Kingston	Washington St.

RECORD OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 6, 2012

Pursuant to the Warrant, all eligible voters from Precinct One, Two and Three met at one centralized polling place, the Norwell Middle School, located at 328 Main Street to cast their votes for candidates for the listed offices.

The following election workers were present:

In Precinct I, Carolyn Maclellan, WARDEN; Joyanne Bond, CLERK; Mary Ellen Wetzel, John Holmes, Ellen Torrey, Helene Quinn, Jeanne Cianciola, John Carnes and Laurie Davis. TELLERS:

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN; Jean Valicenti, CLERK; Lois Arnold, Rosemarie Mesheau, Eleanor Bailey, Jeannette Simmons, Maureen Murphy, Judith Kelly and Barbara Vitale, TELLERS:

In Precinct III, Roslyn Wiseman, WARDEN; B. Jean Snow and Karen Raccuia CLERK; Mildred Donahue, Kathy Belyea, Jeanne Scothorne, Sharon Ducey, Eleanor Larson and Anne Bussiere TELLERS:
This Election was the first time split shifts were offered to the Wardens, Clerks and Tellers.

CONSTABLE on duty Michael C. Moore.

CHIEF WARDEN over all was Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson.

Polls opened for all precincts at 7:00 A.M. After 8:00 P.M. closing, tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the Town Clerk where the final tally of all precincts was made and publicly announced. Breakdown of the number of votes cast in each precinct is as follows:

In Precinct I, there were 65 Democratic votes cast; 342 Republican votes cast; absentee, no Green-Rainbow party votes were cast.

In Precinct II, there were 65 Democratic votes cast; 435 Republican votes; and 2 Green-Rainbow party votes were cast.

In Precinct III, there were 81 Democratic votes cast; 429 Republican votes; and 0 Green-Rainbow party votes were cast.

Total number of votes cast in all precincts was 1419. As of February 15, 2012, the last day to register to vote for this election, there were a total of 7458 registered voter in Norwell. Those participating in the Primary represented 19% of the electorate.

Tallying in open meeting at Town Clerk's office resulted in the following count of votes cast:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III
Ron Paul	28	35	17
Mitt Romney	260	355	373
Rick Perry	1	3	3
Rick Santorum	41	21	24
Jon Huntsman	2	0	3
Michele Bachmann	1	0	0
Newt Gingrich	5	20	8
No Preference	3	1	0
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

John P. Cafferty	114	107	105
Peter J. Buckley	134	191	201
William M. Harris	31	53	33
Write-ins	0	1	0
Blanks	63	83	90

STATE COMMITTEE WOMEN

Janet R. Fogarty	237	273	273
Write-Ins	1	3	2
Blanks	104	159	154

Republican Town Committee-Vote for not more that thirty-five.

Shawni M. Littlehale	148	217	194
Robert L. Littlehale, III	145	211	188
Richard A. Merritt	190	260	242
Charles P. Forman	163	191	184
Dianne V. Forman	159	190	178
John Gerard Mariano	175	206	219
Geoffrey A. Gordon	162	238	221
Paul F. Burke	174	187	174
Richard MW Johnson	132	187	176
Christopher J. Rohan	146	182	173
Fred N. Levin	158	186	176
James J. Kennedy	140	200	176
David A. Barcomb	145	193	192
George D. Jamieson, III	143	177	177
Roslyn Wiseman	139	182	169
Thomas J. Bigger	165	190	205
Patricia A. Bigger	164	188	196

Majorie Dippell Mannix	137	181	178
Karen K. Johnson	141	194	182
MaryAnn Moriarty Vierra	158	201	197
Jane Mary Rohan	150	182	167
Richard C. White	134	189	168
John Brooks Robbie, Jr.	138	191	171
Jason Brown	150	183	182
Thomas E. Miller	137	203	176
Christopher J. Robertson	137	182	185
Kevin T. Doyle	136	190	170
Jeffrey Owen Duckworth	141	189	175
Pamela Doll Duckworth	137	194	176
Peter A. Bernardi	145	212	197
Daniel Joseph. Murphy	137	174	166
James K. Staples	160	203	189
Allan Caggiano	147	182	175
Jennifer Blair McGreenery	149	193	196
William W. Dromeshauser	156	197	191
Blanks	6732	8400	8534

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III
Barack Obama	54	57	71
No Preference	7	5	9
Write-ins	2	1	0
Blanks	2	2	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Gregory M. Shanahan	53	50	64
Write-ins	2	1	0
Blanks	10	14	17

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Karen F. DeTellis	52	52	67
Write-ins	0	1	0
Blanks	13	12	14

Democratic Town Committee-Vote for no more than thirty-five

Maryellen Coffey	48	47	60
Ian Davis	35	36	50
Raymond E. Baxter	35	38	50
Bruce S. Burgess	37	38	54
Patricia M. Bordewieck	38	41	50
Mary L. Cole	36	38	50
Robert R. Detwiler	41	46	54
Priscilla Burgess	41	37	50
Elvoid B. Mayers	40	41	52
Catherine M. Rahman	40	40	58
Sheikh A. Rahman	37	40	57
Ann J. Valair	42	40	52
Marybeth Shea	42	44	51
Steven A. Infascelli	37	45	52
Ellen J. Herling	35	40	49
Michael Comer Morris	35	37	51
Katiejo Robinson Morris	36	36	50
James C. Pinkham	38	39	48
Kevin P. Jones	37	42	53
William Hudspeth	40	38	55
Florence E. Hudsbeth			

(Deceased after ballots were printed)	38	37	51
James Michael Ianiri	35	39	49
Rebecca B. Sacks	35	37	49
Arthur J. Garceau	42	45	55
Joseph M. Rull	36	36	50
Caroline Rull	36	37	49
Patricia D. Hanier	37	42	51
Robert H. Norris	40	39	52
Sally I. Turner	40	43	51
Megan M. Collins	35	41	49
Timothy J. Kane	38	40	53
Karen Kane	36	41	52
Robert A. McMackin	35	38	51
Daniel Patrick Collins	37	41	50
Paul J. O'Sullivan	36	38	50
Blanks	949	878	1027

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Kent Mesplay	0	0	0
Jill Stein	0	2	0
Harley Mikkelsen	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	2	0

Green-Rainbow Town Committee-Vote vote for
not more than ten

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	2	0

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RECORD OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 19, 2012

Pursuant to the Warrant, eligible voters met at the Norwell Middle School, 328 Main Street, Norwell to cast their votes for the candidates for town offices.

In Precinct I the following workers present were: WARDEN, Carolyn Maclellan; CLERK, Denise Nester; TELLERS: Ellen Torrey, Sharon Ducey, Barbara Vitale, Helene Quinn and Jeanne Cianciola

In Precinct II were WARDEN; Lynne Rose; CLERK; Jean Valicenti; TELLERS: Catherine Rahman, Laurie Davis, Anne Bussier, Rose Mesheau and Mary Ellen Wetzell.

In Precinct III: WARDEN, Eleanor Bailey; CLERK, Jeanette Simmons; TELLERS: Mildred Donahue, Roslyn Wiseman, Priscilla Burgess, Paula Young and Lynda Allen

CHIEF WARDEN over all was Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson, Michael Moore served as Constable.

Total votes cast in Precinct I were 1293; in Precinct II, 1480, and in Precinct III 1539. Total votes cast, all precincts, was 4312. Total number of registered voters in Norwell eligible for this election numbered 7157 which means that 60% of the voters participated.

Tallying the results in an open meeting at Town Clerk's office resulted in the following count of votes cast:

	PREC. I	PREC.II	PREC. III	TOTAL
BOARD OF ASSESSORS – Three Years - Vote for One				
Maureen Clarke-Lewis	659	777	828	2264
Kevin M. Costello	343	390	409	1142
Write-ins	2	5	3	10
Blanks	289	308	299	896
BOARD OF ASSESSORS- Two Year Term – Vote for One				
Susan H. Kirby	877	992	1066	2935
Write-ins	4	12	13	29
Blanks	412	476	460	1348
BOARD OF ASSESSORS- One Year Term- Vote for One				
Rebecca Z. Freed	875	1034	1060	2969
Write-ins	4	10	6	20
Blanks	414	436	473	1323
BOARD OF HEALTH – Three Years – Vote for One				
Mary E. Doherty	909	1034	1084	3027
Write-ins	1	9	5	15
Blanks	383	437	450	1270
BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Three Years – Vote for One				
John G. Mariano	455	570	660	1685
David F. DeCoste	744	811	753	2308
Write-ins	2	1	2	5
Blanks	92	98	124	314
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS – Three Years – Vote For One				
Peter Dillom	883	1013	1072	2968
Write-ins	3	10	6	19
Blanks	407	457	461	1325
MODERATOR – One Year – Vote for One				
William C. Coffey	911	1041	1097	3047
Write-ins	4	8	7	19
Blanks	378	431	435	1244
NORWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY – Three Years – Vote for Two				
John F. Carnes, Jr.	906	961	1000	2867
Fred N. Levin	710	829	901	2440
Write-ins	0	10	8	18
Blanks	970	1160	1169	3299
	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL

NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES – Three Years – Vote for Two

Christine E. Smith	835	970	1040	2845
Michael Yee	673	774	813	2260
Write-ins	1	9	4	14
Blanks	1077	1207	1221	3505

PLANNING BOARD – Three Years – Vote for One

Margaret Etzel	846	975	1010	2831
Write-ins	6	16	15	37
Blanks	441	489	514	1444

PLANNING BOARD- Two Year Term- Vote for One

Kenneth Alan Cadman	854	962	1026	2842
Write-ins	3	11	1	15
Blanks	436	507	512	1455

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Three Years – Vote for One

MaryLou O’Leary	902	1044	1094	3040
Write-ins	4	15	9	28
Blanks	387	421	436	1244

QUESTION NO. 1:

Shall the town of Norwell be allowed to assess an additional \$2,859,875 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the town and the public schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012?

YES 2536 NO 1741 BLANKS 35

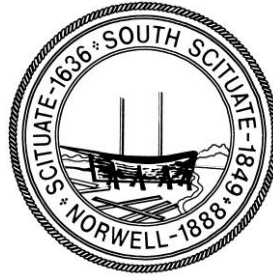
QUESTION NO. 2

The Charter Amendment, which was approved by citizens at 2011 Annual Town Meeting, would make revisions to the existing Norwell Charter written in 1971 and adopted after Town Election on March 17, 1973. Since 1973, there have been some amendments to the Town Charter. The proposed Charter Amendment would emphasize the policymaking role of the Board of Selectmen, leaving day-to-day tasks of managing the town to the Town Administrator and other town officials and employees. The Charter Amendment would maintain the position of Town Administrator but would establish in the Charter the position's powers and duties in detail for the first time. The Charter Amendment would change the membership of the Board of Selectmen from a 3-member board to a 5-member board by requiring the election of 2 members at the next Annual Town Election following acceptance of this Charter Amendment. The Town Administrator would propose department head appointments while the elected and appointed boards and committees would retain the power to approve or reject the proposed hire. The Charter Amendment would change the existing appointment authority of the Board of Selectmen as it concerns the appointment of an Advisory Board. Under the proposed Charter Amendment, there would be a 3-member Nominating Committee comprised of one person appointed by the Selectmen, a second person appointed by the Town Moderator, and a third person appointed by the then-existing Advisory Board to appoint members of the Advisory Board instead of the Board of Selectmen unilaterally appointing Advisory Board members. A vote of "yes" would accept the proposed changes contained in the Charter Amendment. A vote of "no" would not accept the proposed changes contained in the Charter Amendment.

YES 2575 NO 1374 BLANKS 363

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TOWN OF NORWELL



**Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
And
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Report of the Advisory Board
Monday, May 7, 2012
At 7:30 p.m.**

Please bring this report to the meeting for use in the proceedings at the
**NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium
328 Main Street**

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TOWN OF NORWELL
WARRANT
Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2012
At 7:30 o'clock in the evening at Norwell Middle School
Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium

Plymouth, ss

To one of the Constables of the Town of Norwell, in said County of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, in said Norwell, on Monday, the seventh day of May, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 7, 2012, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Anyone requiring a Sign Language Interpreter should call the Town Clerk's office at least two weeks before the Special Town Meeting at 781-659-8072.

**Report of the Advisory Board
April 6, 2012**

To the Citizens of Norwell:

Beginning Monday, May 7, 2012, the Town of Norwell will hold its Annual Town Meeting, preceded by a Special Town Meeting. Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated as the Town has fiscal challenges this year that require the Town to make important decisions about the Fiscal Year 2013 and our future.

Town Meeting is when the voters, the legislative branch in Norwell, discuss, debate and determine whether to appropriate monies for various expenditures for the remainder of the current fiscal year as well as Fiscal Year 2013. Your elected and appointed officials will present their recommendations to you to help with this process. The recommendations contained in this Warrant are made by the Advisory Board after hearings with the appropriate town departments and after careful deliberation of all the facts. Our board is a diverse group, whose role is to represent the residents of Norwell. All registered voters are entitled to attend, ask questions, express their opinions, and vote on all matters. The Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, and other Town committees, officials, and citizens propose Articles requesting expenditures, transfers, etc. We, the Advisory Board, present our recommendations on each Article; but **ONLY YOU DECIDE WHAT PASSES AND WHAT DOES NOT.**

This Town Meeting Warrant does not include a separate "Proposition 2 ½ Override Article". So, the Advisory Board has prepared 2 budgets, one for if the override passes, and one for if the override fails. Both budgets will be discussed in detail at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 7. Although the decision rests with Town Meeting, following the budget discussion the Advisory Board will recommend that Town Meeting defer action on certain Annual Town Meeting articles until after the Town Election on May 19, which includes an Override Ballot Question. The Advisory Board will recommend that Town Meeting reconvene on Monday, May 21, to vote on any Annual Town Meeting articles that it may choose to defer until after the Town Election.

We thank the employees and volunteers across all Departments, Boards, and Committees for the information they prepared and the hearings they attended, in some cases on multiple occasions. Through these discussions, and the cooperative spirit with which the departments engaged, we have reached the conclusions and recommendations explained herein.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on May 7th.

Sincerely,

The Norwell Advisory Board

Timothy Greene, Chairman
Gary Thomas, Vice Chairman
Mary Ellen Coffey, Clerk
Peter Shea
Ralph Gordon

Spencer A. Joseph
George Jamieson
Jacky McClean
Megan Collins

TOWN OF NORWELL FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

	<i>FY2012 Appropriated</i>	<i>FY13 Requested</i>	<i>FY13 Recommended (Requires Override)</i>	<i>FY13 No Override</i>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,734,419	\$ 1,878,497	\$ 1,874,348	\$ 1,762,418
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 4,623,945	\$ 4,843,083	\$ 4,801,285	\$ 4,708,035
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 1,242,060	\$ 1,374,508	\$ 1,298,642	\$ 1,278,142
SCHOOLS	\$ 19,970,749	\$ 22,378,260	\$ 22,278,260	\$ 20,766,921
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 1,047,291	\$ 1,065,882	\$ 1,049,869	\$ 1,022,262
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 690,244	\$ 691,657	\$ 691,657	\$ 646,407
FIXED COSTS	\$ 7,824,301	\$ 8,296,248	\$ 8,161,248	\$ 8,011,249
DEBT EXCLUSION	\$ 2,235,145	\$ 2,185,513	\$ 2,185,513	\$ 2,185,513
	\$ 39,368,154	\$ 42,713,648	\$ 42,340,822	\$ 40,380,947
OTHER ARTICLES	\$ 1,509,100			
OVERLAY	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
CAPITAL	\$ 191,546			
	\$ 2,200,646	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	\$ 41,568,800	\$ 43,213,648	\$ 42,840,822	\$ 40,880,947
<u>REVENUES & REDUCTIONS</u>				
STATE AID	\$ 2,757,202	\$ 2,835,444	\$ 2,835,444	\$ 2,835,444
TOWN REVENUE	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000
OVERLAY SURPLUS	\$ 338,000	\$ -		
FREE CASH	\$ 913,790			\$ 900,000
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 200,000	\$ -		
OTHER	\$ 81,256	\$ 14,100	\$ 14,100	\$ 14,100
CPA	\$ 915,100	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000
WATER INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 689,432	\$ 426,088	\$ 426,088	\$ 426,088
<i>Total other revenue</i>	\$ 8,894,780	\$ 6,428,632	\$ 428,632	\$ 7,328,632
LEVY TO BE RAISED	\$ 32,674,020	\$ 36,785,017	\$ 36,412,190	\$ 33,552,315
<u>PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT</u>				
BEGINNING YEAR	\$ 29,556,253	\$ 30,504,197	\$ 30,504,197	\$ 30,504,197
PLUS 2.5 %	\$ 738,910	\$ 762,605	\$ 762,605	\$ 762,605
NEW GROWTH	\$ 209,038	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Override	\$ -		\$ 2,859,875	
Total Recap	\$ 30,504,201	\$ 31,366,802	\$ 34,226,677	\$ 31,366,802
DEBT/CAPITAL OVER	\$ 2,235,145	\$ 2,185,513	\$ 2,185,513	\$ 2,185,513
CURRENT YEAR LIMIT	\$ 32,739,346	\$ 33,552,315	\$ 36,412,190	\$ 33,552,315
<i>BUDGET OVER/UNDER</i>	\$ (65,326)	\$ (3,232,702)	\$ 0	\$ 0

TOWN BUDGET

Glossary of Terms

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated receipts for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable. These amounts are used by the assessors in setting the tax rate. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2002. This Act allows the town to collect a 3% surcharge on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example FY11 is the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves reduced also by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. The "Overlay Surplus" is the portion of each year's overlay account no longer required to cover property tax abatements.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by vote of the Town, to the reserve account or appropriated.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Advisory Board for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Terms associated with Proposition 2½:

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base, but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period of time in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or for payment of capital expenditures.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town's tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Selectmen allows an override question to be put on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town at both Town Meeting and an Election.

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 7, 2012

At Seven-Thirty O'clock in the Evening
At the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, Main Street

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, said sum to be apportioned by the Town Accountant to the applicable line items in Article 2, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The union contracts were not settled when the warrant went to print.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 1-914-201-5175, Health Insurance, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$140,000.

ARTICLE: 3: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 1-290-101-5110, Emergency Communications Salaries, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Chief of Police

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$35,000. These funds are needed to make up for the delay in moving to the regional dispatch center.

ARTICLE: 4: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 1-210-101-5110, Police Salaries, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Chief of Police

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 1-420-211-5532, Snow Removal and Sanding, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money to be added to line item 1-151-201-5302, Legal Services, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE: 7: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a certain sum of money to be used to pay the cost of phase 1 of the police station study, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$105,750. These funds will come from previous bond appropriations to pay off the cost of phase 1 of the police station study and save the town the cost of issuing new debt.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$290,000 (\$270,000 for purchase price and \$20,000 for parking, signage and legal fees) or any other sum for conservation, passive recreation, and historic preservation purposes, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44B from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land approximately 16 +/- acres located at 122 Mt. Blue Street, owned by Hilma A. Forslund, Trustee as described on Assessor's Map 8B, Block, also known as Cuffey's Lane, to be managed and controlled by the Norwell Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Historical Commission in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 6-2.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 7, 2012

At Seven-Thirty o'clock in the Evening
At the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, Main Street

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, as printed in the 2011 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto.

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, sums of money to defray the charges, expenses and salary obligations of the Town, including debt and interest, and out of state travel for the ensuing year, to provide for a Reserve Fund and to fix salaries and compensation for all Elected Officers of the Town, or act on anything relative thereto.

The Advisory Board recommendations are in the "Advisory Board Recommends" Columns. The Advisory Board will make a budget presentation at Town Meeting to provide further details of our rationale and recommendations.

This Article authorizes the Town to accept the FY13 Town Budget, which begins on July 1, 2012.

		FY2012 Appropriation	FY13 Requests	Advisory Board Recommends (requires passage of override)	No Override Budget
	113-TOWN MT. & ELECTION				
2-106	Salaries	\$ 6,500	\$ 14,207	\$ 14,207	\$ 14,207
2-208	Expenses	\$ 10,000	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,600
	Total: Town Meeting & Election	\$ 16,500	\$ 30,807	\$ 30,807	\$ 30,807
	114-MODERATOR				
2-104	Moderator's Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Moderator		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	122-SELECTMEN				
2-101	Bd. Members Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2-102	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 127,500	\$ 131,500	\$ 131,500	\$ 131,500
2-103	Clerical Salaries/ADA	\$ 66,734	\$ 132,906	\$ 132,906	\$ 67,906
2-200	Court Judgements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-201	Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 16,350	\$ 16,350	\$ 16,350	\$ 16,350
2-205	Care Veterans' Graves	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
	Total: Board of Selectmen	\$ 211,784	\$ 281,956	\$ 281,956	\$ 216,956
	131-ADVISORY BOARD				
2-105	Advisory Clerical				
2-206	Advisory Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
	Total: Advisory Board	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
	132-RESERVE FUND				
2-207	Reserve Fund	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
	135-ACCOUNTING				
	Accountant Salary	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000
2-115	Salaries	\$ 66,537	\$ 85,907	\$ 85,907	\$ 69,868
2-202	Expenses	\$ 36,343	\$ 41,343	\$ 41,343	\$ 36,343
	Total: Accounting	\$ 188,880	\$ 213,250	\$ 213,250	\$ 192,211
	141-ASSESSORS				
2-109	Bd. Members' Salaries	\$ -	\$ 4,150	\$ -	\$ -
	Asst. Assessor/App Salary	\$ 66,215	\$ 67,526	\$ 67,526	\$ 67,526
2-110	Clerical Salaries	\$ 44,008	\$ 45,500	\$ 45,500	\$ 45,500
2-211	General Expenses	\$ 10,625	\$ 10,625	\$ 10,625	\$ 10,625
2-212	Reval/App. Expenses	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
	Total: Assessors	\$ 131,348	\$ 138,301	\$ 134,151	\$ 134,151
	145-TREAS./COLLECTOR				
2-111	Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 83,500	\$ 83,500	\$ 83,500	\$ 83,500
2-112	Clerical Salaries	\$ 142,297	\$ 149,729	\$ 149,729	\$ 146,229
2-168	Bonding Costs	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
2-213	General Expenses	\$ 66,963	\$ 66,963	\$ 66,963	\$ 60,463
2-214	Tax Liens Expenses	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
	Total: Treasurer/Collector	\$ 325,760	\$ 333,192	\$ 333,192	\$ 323,192
	151-LEGAL SERVICES				
2-216	Legal Expenses	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
2-218	Settlements/Claims	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-295	Union Negotiations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Legal Services	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
	152-PERSONNEL BOARD				
2-116	Salary & Wages				
2-219	General Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
	Total: Personnel Board	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
	155-CENTRAL COMPUTER				
2-222	Central Computer Expenses	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 104,950

		FY2012 Appropriation	FY13 Requests	Advisory Board Recommends (requires passage of override)	No Override Budget
	161-TOWN CLERK				
2-113	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 65,844	\$ 67,819	\$ 67,819	\$ 67,161
2-114	Clerical Salaries	\$ 50,138	\$ 53,327	\$ 53,327	\$ 53,327
2-215	General Expenses	\$ 5,375	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,375
	Total: Town Clerk	\$ 121,357	\$ 126,746	\$ 126,746	\$ 125,863
	163-BD OF REGISTRARS				
2-107	Clerk of Board Salary	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
2-108	Registrars Clerical	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-209	Registrars Expenses	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700
	Total:: Board of Registrars	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150
	171-CONSERVATION COMM.				
2-154	Conservation Clerical	\$ 19,073	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700
2-155	Conservation Agent's Salary	\$ 56,755	\$ 56,479	\$ 56,479	\$ 56,479
2-278	Conservation General Exp.	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,400
2-280	Conservation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Conservation	\$ 83,628	\$ 83,979	\$ 83,979	\$ 83,579
	175-PLANNING BOARD				
2-120	Town Planner	\$ 60,046	\$ 63,914	\$ 63,914	\$ 63,914
2-121	Planning Bd. Clerical	\$ 19,073	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700
2-224	Planning Bd. General Exp.	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,590
	Total: Planning Board	\$ 83,709	\$ 88,203	\$ 88,204	\$ 88,204
	176-BOARD OF APPEALS				
2-119	Salary & Wage				
2-223	General Expenses	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810
	Total: Board of Appeals	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810
	177-DESIGN REVIEW BD.				
2-117	Design Review Clerical	\$ 642	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-220	Design Review General Exp	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Design Review Board	\$ 887	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	190-COMM. ON DISABILITIES				
2-294	General Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	Total: Comm. On Disabilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	191-CUSHING MEMORIAL				
2-175	Cushing Memorial Payroll	\$ 28,350	\$ 29,745	\$ 29,745	\$ 29,745
2-203	Cushing Memorial Expenses	\$ 31,063	\$ 31,063	\$ 31,063	\$ 31,063
	Total: Cushing Memorial	\$ 59,413	\$ 60,808	\$ 60,808	\$ 60,808
	192-TOWN HALL				
2-123	Custodians' Salaries	\$ 34,271	\$ 34,724	\$ 34,724	\$ 31,266
2-226	Town Hall General Expense	\$ 86,050	\$ 86,050	\$ 86,050	\$ 81,050
	Total: Town Hall	\$ 120,321	\$ 120,774	\$ 120,774	\$ 112,316
	193-P.B.M.C.				
2-169	Clerical Salaries				
2-225	P.B.M.C. Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Total: P.B.M.C.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	194 - Community Preservation				
2-237	Clerical Salaries	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
2-305	Expenses	\$ 35,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
	Total: Community Preservation	\$ 43,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000

		FY2012 Appropriation	FY13 Requests	Advisory Board Recommends (requires passage of override)	No Override Budget
	195-TOWN REPORTS				
2-210	Town Reports	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000
	199-BEAUTIFICATION				
2-204	Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Total: Beautification	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	210-POLICE DEPARTMENT				
2-125	Police Chief's Salary	\$ 106,100	\$ 106,100	\$ 106,100	\$ 106,100
	Deputy Chief Salary	\$ 88,490	\$ 90,490	\$ 90,490	\$ 90,490
2-126	Police Officers' Pay	\$ 1,616,834	\$ 1,658,879	\$ 1,658,879	\$ 1,642,254
2-128	Police Other Payroll	\$ 57,051	\$ 57,982	\$ 57,983	\$ 55,983
2-169	Clerical	\$ 39,505	\$ 233,643	\$ 233,643	\$ 208,643
2-235	Police General Expense	\$ 161,100	\$ 203,496	\$ 203,496	\$ 185,096
2-236	Police Cruiser Expenses	\$ 82,000	\$ 109,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000
2-237	Other Town Vehicles Gas				
	Total: Police Department	\$ 2,151,080	\$ 2,459,590	\$ 2,432,591	\$ 2,370,566
	220-FIRE DEPARTMENT				
2-129	Fire Chief's Salary	\$ 96,100	\$ 96,100	\$ 96,100	\$ 96,100
2-130	Perm. Firefighters' Payroll	\$ 1,568,767	\$ 1,587,165	\$ 1,572,365	\$ 1,568,767
2-132	Call Fire Payroll		\$ 14,668	\$ 14,668	\$ 14,668
2-169	Fire Department Clerical	\$ 36,210	\$ 38,357	\$ 38,357	\$ 38,357
2-238	Fire Dept. General Expense	\$ 124,773	\$ 138,700	\$ 138,700	\$ 122,773
2-240	Call Fire General Expenses		\$ 15,700	\$ 15,700	\$ 15,700
	Total: Fire Department	\$ 1,825,850	\$ 1,890,690	\$ 1,875,890	\$ 1,856,365
	220-CALL FIRE FIGHTERS				
2-131	Deputy Fire Chief	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-132	Call Fire Payroll	\$ 14,668		\$ -	\$ -
2-240	Call Fire General Expenses	\$ 15,700		\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Call Fire	\$ 30,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	231-AMBULANCE SERVICE				
2-133	Ambulance Payroll				
2-241	Ambulance General Exp.	\$ 48,233	\$ 52,233	\$ 52,233	\$ 52,233
2-242	Unmanned Ambulance Exp.	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	Total Ambulance	\$ 49,733	\$ 53,733	\$ 53,733	\$ 53,733
	241-BUILDING INSPECTOR				
2-138	Building/Zoning Clerical	\$ 41,349	\$ 42,083	\$ 42,083	\$ 42,083
2-139	Building/Zoning/ADA Inspector	\$ 63,677	\$ 66,709	\$ 66,709	\$ 66,709
2-140	Inspector Fees	\$ 40,500	\$ 45,500	\$ 45,500	\$ 40,500
2-249	General Expenses	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,900	\$ 10,900	\$ 10,600
	Total: Inspections	\$ 156,126	\$ 165,191	\$ 165,192	\$ 159,892
	244-SEALER WGHTS/MEAS				
2-142	Sealer Wghts/Meas. Salary	\$ 6,262	\$ 6,262	\$ 6,262	\$ 6,262
2-252	General Expenses	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,515
	Total: Weights & Measures	\$ 7,777	\$ 7,777	\$ 7,777	\$ 7,777
	290-EMERGENCY COMM.				
2-134	Emergency Comm. Payroll	\$ 161,313			
2-243	Emergency Comm. Expense	\$ 23,996			
	Regional dispatch	\$ 200,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
	Total: Emergency Comm.	\$ 385,309	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000

		FY2012 Appropriation	FY13 Requests	Advisory Board Recommends (requires passage of override)	No Override Budget
	291-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
	Salaries	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Expense	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2-254	Total Civil Defense	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	292-ANIMAL CONTROL				
2-144	Animal Control Payroll	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
2-255	General Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Total: Animal Control	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
	295-Harbormaster				
2-188	Harbormaster Salary	\$ 5,202	\$ 5,202	\$ 5,202	\$ 5,202
2-200	Harbormaster Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,000
		\$ 7,202	\$ 8,802	\$ 8,802	\$ 7,202
	301-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
2-200	School Budget	\$ 19,845,749	\$ 22,257,749	\$ 22,157,749	\$ 20,646,410
2-198	Transportation				
	Total Norwell School	\$ 19,845,749	\$ 22,257,749	\$ 22,157,749	\$ 20,646,410
	390-SO. SH. REG'L SCHOOL				
2-264	Regional School Assessment	\$ 125,000	\$ 120,511	\$ 120,511	\$ 120,511
	420-HIGHWAY DEPT.				
2-146	Highway Surveyor's Salary	\$ 46,875	\$ 48,096	\$ 48,096	\$ 48,096
2-147	Highway Dept. Payrolls	\$ 264,141	\$ 264,752	\$ 264,752	\$ 264,752
2-149	Highway Department Clerical	\$ 43,911	\$ 44,745	\$ 44,745	\$ 44,745
2-265	Highway Out-of-State Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-266	Highway General Expense	\$ 67,986	\$ 67,986	\$ 67,986	\$ 67,986
2-267	Highway Signs & Road Marking	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 21,000
2-268	Snow Removal & Sanding	\$ 175,000	\$ 250,866	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
2-269	Operation & Maint. of Equip.	\$ 23,200	\$ 23,200	\$ 23,200	\$ 23,200
2-270	Highway Town Gasoline	\$ 115,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000
2-271	Highway Water Services	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
	Total: Highway	\$ 783,113	\$ 911,645	\$ 835,779	\$ 815,779
	421-TREE & GROUNDS				
2-135	Tree Director's Salary	\$ 46,875	\$ 48,096	\$ 48,096	\$ 48,096
2-136	Tree Department Payrolls	\$ 250,194	\$ 247,389	\$ 247,389	\$ 247,389
2-244	General Expenses	\$ 87,878	\$ 88,378	\$ 88,378	\$ 87,878
2-245	Tree Insect Control	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2-248	Tree Cemetery Care	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Total: Tree & Grounds	\$ 387,947	\$ 386,863	\$ 386,863	\$ 386,363
	424-STREET LIGHTING				
2-272	Total:Street Lights Expense	\$ 71,000	\$ 76,000	\$ 76,000	\$ 76,000
	439-RECYCLING COMMITTEE				
2-173	Other Expenses	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 10,000
	Total: Recycling Committee	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 10,000
	450-WATER DEPARTMENT				
2-148	Superintendent	\$ 89,201	\$ 90,972	\$ 90,972	\$ 90,972
2-150	Treatment Manager	\$ 57,195	\$ 58,338	\$ 58,338	\$ 58,338
2-151	Water Commissioners' Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-152	Water Clerical	\$ 75,047	\$ 82,608	\$ 82,677	\$ 82,677
2-153	Water Payrolls	\$ 261,596	\$ 264,382	\$ 264,381	\$ 264,381
2-274	Water General Expenses	\$ 612,675	\$ 619,175	\$ 619,175	\$ 619,175
2-275	Water Well Cleaning	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
2-276	Indirect Expenses				
	Total: Water Department	\$ 1,110,714	\$ 1,130,475	\$ 1,130,543	\$ 1,130,543

		FY2012 Appropriation	FY13 Requests	Advisory Board Recommends (requires passage of override)	No Override Budget
	491-TOWN CEMETERY				
	Cemetery Salaries	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ -
2-288	Washington St. Cem. Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Total: Town Cemetery	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 2,000
	512-BOARD OF HEALTH				
2-156	Board Members' Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-157	Health Agent Salary	\$ 71,303	\$ 72,720	\$ 72,720	\$ 72,720
2-158	Health Clerical	\$ 41,349	\$ 58,196	\$ 42,183	\$ 42,183
2-279	Hazardous Waste	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
2-281	General Expenses	\$ 49,600	\$ 49,600	\$ 49,600	\$ 49,600
2-282	Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 626,300	\$ 626,300	\$ 626,300	\$ 606,300
2-283	Health Landfill Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-285	Recycling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Board of Health	\$ 796,052	\$ 814,316	\$ 798,303	\$ 778,303
	541-COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Director		\$ 84,252	\$ 84,252	\$ 84,252
2-160	Council on Aging Payroll	\$ 192,107	\$ 107,575	\$ 107,575	\$ 107,575
2-284	General Expenses	\$ 21,500	\$ 22,107	\$ 22,107	\$ 21,500
	Total: Council on Aging	\$ 213,607	\$ 213,934	\$ 213,934	\$ 213,327
	543-VETERANS' EXP.				
2-161	Veterans' Agent Salary	\$ 4,245	\$ 4,245	\$ 4,245	\$ 4,245
2-162	Vets. Service Officer's Salary	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,987
2-285	Veterans' General Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2-286	Veterans' Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
2-287	Memorial Day Expenses	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
	Total: Veterans	\$ 20,632	\$ 20,632	\$ 20,632	\$ 20,632
	610-LIBRARY				
2-164	Library Director's Salary	\$ 83,952	\$ 83,952	\$ 83,952	\$ 83,952
2-165	Library Payroll	\$ 275,411	\$ 269,356	\$ 269,356	\$ 230,206
2-177	Old Colony Network	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
2-289	Library General Expenses	\$ 141,750	\$ 147,450	\$ 147,450	\$ 141,750
	Total: Library	\$ 531,113	\$ 530,758	\$ 530,758	\$ 485,908
	630-RECREATION DEPT.				
2-166	Recreation Supt. Salary	\$ 71,503	\$ 72,920	\$ 72,920	\$ 72,920
2-167	Recreation Payroll		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-290	Recreation General Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Recreation	\$ 71,503	\$ 72,920	\$ 72,920	\$ 72,920
	691-MASS. HISTORICAL				
2-277	Historical Comm. General Exp.	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	Total: Mass Historical	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	710-DEBT RETIREMENT				
2-168	Borrowing Costs				
	Water Bonds				
2-292	Principal - Town	\$ 438,094	\$ 433,662	\$ 433,662	\$ 433,662
2-363	Water	\$ 260,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000
		\$ -			
	751- INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT				
	Interest - Town	\$ 106,863	\$ 80,178	\$ 80,178	\$ 80,178
2-364	Water	\$ 53,932	\$ 36,088	\$ 36,088	\$ 36,088
	Total: Under Levy Debt Service	\$ 858,889	\$ 769,928	\$ 769,928	\$ 769,928

		FY2012 Appropriation	FY13 Requests	Advisory Board Recommends (requires passage of override)	No Override Budget
	710, 751 - DEBT EXCLUSION				
2-365	Vinal, Cole & High School Interest	\$ 361,288	\$ 340,850	\$ 340,850	\$ 340,850
2-365	Vinal, Cole & High School Principal	\$ 545,000	\$ 545,000	\$ 545,000	\$ 545,000
2-366	Middle School Interest	\$ 463,857	\$ 434,663	\$ 434,663	\$ 434,663
2-365	Middle School Principal	\$ 865,000	\$ 865,000	\$ 865,000	\$ 865,000
	Total: Debt Exclusion	\$ 2,235,145	\$ 2,185,513	\$ 2,185,513	\$ 2,185,513
	911-PENSIONS				
2-227	Plymouth County Ret. Fund	\$ 1,586,376	\$ 1,805,534	\$ 1,805,534	\$ 1,805,534
2-228	Non-Contrib. Pensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total: Pensions	\$ 1,586,376	\$ 1,805,534	\$ 1,805,534	\$ 1,805,534
	913-UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.				
2-229	Unemployment Comp.	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 90,000
	914, 915, 916-GROUP INSURANCE				
2-230	Group Insurance	\$ 4,916,911	\$ 5,258,662	\$ 5,158,662	\$ 4,958,662
	912, 919, 945-TOWN INSURANCE				
2-231	Town Insurance	\$ 386,925		\$ 386,925	\$ 386,925
2-232	Ins. Advis. Comm. Expense	\$ 200		\$ 200	\$ 200
	Total: Town Insurance	\$ 387,125	\$ 387,125	\$ 387,125	\$ 387,125

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will appropriate the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination of the foregoing,

or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Capital Budget Committee

<i>Dept #</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Budget Request</i>	<i>Capital Budget Recommends</i>	<i>Advisory Board Recommends</i>
103	FIRE	Command Vehicle	\$45,100	\$35,100	\$35,100
		Replace Server/Upgrade System	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
101	POLICE	Station Security	\$102,766	\$102,766	\$102,766
300	HIGHWAY	Dump truck w/ sander & plow	\$187,000	\$0	\$0
		Generator	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
		4 Electric Spreader Controls	\$34,000	\$0	\$0
109	TREE & GROUND	Paving tree Dept parking lot	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
601	LIBRARY	Replace Windows & Seals	\$28,190	\$0	\$0
		Replace carpeting	\$18,975	\$17,000	\$17,000
65	TOWN HALL	Town Hall Security	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
200	SCHOOLS	Web Based energy mgmt. system	\$72,000	\$0	\$0
		Security Cameras / High School	\$54,600	\$25,900	\$25,900
		Resurface Play Ground / Cole School	\$34,295	\$21,450	\$21,450
		Ford F250 Pick-up truck w/ plow	\$33,686	\$0	\$0
401	WATER	Pick-up truck	\$24,500	\$21,000	\$21,000
GRAND TOTAL			\$740,112	\$283,216	\$283,216

The Advisory Board recommends the Capital Budget 7-2 in the amount of \$283,216.

This Article authorizes the Town to purchase the capital items on the schedule above in the Advisory Board Recommends Column. The Capital Budget Committee meets and prioritizes all of the capital budget requests before they are presented to the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, said sum to be apportioned by the Town Accountant to the applicable line items in Article 2, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan, said sum to be apportioned by the Town Accountant to the applicable line items in Article 2, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Personnel Board

The Advisory Board will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Personnel By-Law, Section 8, Fringe Benefits, sub-section j, Insurance, by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Employees hired on or after July 1, 2012 shall pay 40% of the cost of the HMO health plan offered by the Town."

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article. This would increase the percentage a new employee would pay for the Town's health insurance from the current 20%.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund the cost of an Investment Grade Energy Audit for all Town buildings with the intent of pursuing an Energy Management Services Contract (ESCO) under MGL Chapter 25A, Section 11i, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article 8-1 in the amount of \$35,000. This is the first step towards evaluating and making municipal buildings more energy efficient.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of conducting a town wide assessment of all municipal buildings to determine, including but not limited to, the physical condition of the building and the condition of the major physical systems in said building and to provide the Town with a comprehensive report on each facility including a recommended schedule for capital needs and/or replacement of the facility, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article. The Advisory Board believes that the Town would be better served by doing the energy system study first and doing the facility assessment in the future.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purchase and installation of integrated, cloud-based financial software for the Town, and in the event of borrowing to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for the purpose, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$250,000. This is one of the critical recommendations of the Town's Technology Study.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to amend article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 9, 2011, by adding after the words "for an addition to the existing fire station at 300 Washington Street for use as a police station" the following "or for the renovation and/or addition to the existing police station at 40 River Street", or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article. This would allow the funds voted for the design of the proposed new police station on Washington Street to be used on the design of a renovation to the existing station on River Street.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding sick-leave buy-backs and unused vacation, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$16,013. This is a contractual obligation that is being phased out over time.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Human Resource Director, said position to be under the direction of the Selectmen/Town Administrator, and to be employed under the provisions of a personal services contract, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ override.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase technology hardware, equipment, software and/or supplies for the School Department and in the event of borrowing to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for the purpose, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 8-1 in the amount of \$301,500. This funds critical infrastructure and technology needs in the school department.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of repairing drainage and infrastructure and paving or re-paving the parking lot known as the "Staff & Visitor Parking Lot" at Norwell High School, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 6-3 in the amount of \$57,100 contingent upon the passage of a proposition 2 ½ override.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of repairing drainage and infrastructure and paving or re-paving the parking lot known as the "Student Drop Off Lot" at Norwell High School, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 6-3 in the amount of \$42,000 contingent upon the passage of a proposition 2 ½ override.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the School Parking Fees Revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article. This reauthorizes an existing revolving fund.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Norwell School Committee and/or Board of Selectmen to enter into energy supply contracts in excess of three years or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee and
the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article. This would provide the Town and Schools needed flexibility in entering into long range energy supply contracts.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, \$200,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for resurfacing and related construction/maintenance of Town Ways, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$200,000.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will appropriate \$447,054.00 in anticipation of full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90, Acts of 2008, one apportionment, for State and Highway purposes under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(A), work on highways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, or meet the appropriation by taxation, by transfer or by borrowing, or any combination of the foregoing, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$400,000 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of replacing the existing salt storage shed located at the Highway Department yard, as recommended by the Salt Abatement Taskforce, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Town is exploring other possible funding options for this project.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, \$30,000 or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with the EPA's 2012 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$30,000. These funds are needed to keep the town in compliance with EPA Stormwater regulations.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, \$25,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the resurfacing of the Town of Norwell Tree & Grounds Department Yard, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article contingent on the passing of a Proposition 2½ override.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, \$1,350,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of resurfacing and related construction/maintenance of Main Street from Norwell/Hanover Town Line to the vicinity of Norwell Center, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds \$150,000 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for

the purpose of conducting water system facilities maintenance and upgrades , or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds \$50,000 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purpose of conducting hydro-geologic studies, well exploration and associated work, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$38,000, or any other sum, from Overlay Surplus for the purpose of continuing to provide a Senior Real Estate Tax Work Program established pursuant to an agreement with the Council on Aging, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

The Advisory Board recommends this article 8-0-1. This continues a long standing senior real estate work program providing needed tax assistance to seniors.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-Law Article IV Special Regulations §4200 Flood Plain, Watershed and Wetlands Protection District by removing strikethrough sections and incorporating underlined sections.

ZBL §4200. Flood Plain, Watershed and Wetlands Protection District

4210. Designation. Flood Plain, Watershed and Wetlands Protection District shall include all land designated as such and shown and delineated on a set of maps of the Town of Norwell entitled "Town of Norwell, Wetlands Maps", dated April 5, 1974, by Moore Survey & Mapping Corporation, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, with amendment adopted 3/9/81 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of 1981 Amendment to Town of Norwell Wetlands Maps dated January 5, 1981, by Bradford Saivetz & Associates, Inc., Braintree, MA". and the ~~"Flood Insurance Rate and Flood Boundary/Floodway Map", dated July 19, 1982, as part of the Norwell Flood Insurance Study, on file with the Town Clerk, which set of maps is incorporated herein as part of this bylaw.~~ The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Norwell designated as Zone A and AE, on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Norwell are panel numbers 25023C0092J, 25023C0094J, 25023C0103J, 25023C0104J, 25023C0108J, 25023C0111J, 25023C0112J, 25023C0113J, 25023C0114J, 25023C0116J, 25023C0117J, 25023C0118J, 25023C0119J, 25023C0206J, and 25023C0207J dated July 17, 2012. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 17, 2012. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk. In case of a conflict, the more restrictive interpretation shall apply.

Flood plain, Watershed and Wetlands Protection District (the "District"), shall be considered to be superimposed over any other district established by this zoning bylaw. All land in the District is subject to the regulations set forth in this Section 4200. In unnumbered A zones of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the Building Inspector shall require the applicant to provide the best available 100 year flood elevation data available from Federal, State, Local, or other source for requiring new structures and substantial improvements to existing structures to meet the elevation and flood proofing standards of the Massachusetts State Building Code.

4215. Existing Regulations. All development in the district including structural and non-structural activities whether permitted by right or by Special Permit must be in compliance with the following: **(Revised 5/5/94 Annual Town Meeting)**

-Sections ~~2402~~ of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas

-310 CMR 10.00, Wetlands protection, Department of Environmental Protection

-~~302~~310 CMR 613.00, Inlands Wetlands Restriction, DEP

-Title 5, minimum requirements for the subsurface disposal of sanitary sewage, Department of Environmental Protection.

-All property within the flood plain as delineated on Norwell's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) is subject to the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

4220. Purpose. The purposes of this section, in addition to the purposes enumerated in Section 1100 of this Zoning bylaw are:

- a) To provide the lands in the Town subject to seasonal and/or periodic flooding, shall not be used for residential or other purposes in such a manner as to endanger the public health, safety and general welfare of inhabitants thereof.
- b) To protect, preserve and maintain the water table and water recharge areas within the Town, so as to preserve the present and potential water supplies for the public health and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell.
- c) To assure the continuation of the natural flow pattern of the water courses within the Town in order to provide adequate and safe floodwater storage capacity to protect persons and provide against the hazards of floodwater inundation.

4230. Permitted Uses. The following uses are permitted as a matter of right in the districts subject to the provisions of this zoning bylaw applicable to the underlying zoning districts in which said District are located and provided such uses do not permanently and significantly derogate from the purpose of this Section 4200:

- a) Proper operation and maintenance of dams and other water control devices for drainage or flood control.
- b) Temporary alteration of water level for emergency or maintenance.
- c) Appropriate governmental use, including water and sewerage works, pumping stations and river and stream clearance.
- d) Conservation of soil and plants and wildlife management.
- e) Outdoor recreation including play areas, nature study, boating, foot, bicycle and horse paths and bridges, fishing and hunting where otherwise legally permitted but excluding buildings and structures there for.
- f) Uses and interior improvements of buildings or structures lawfully existing prior to adoption of this Section or for which a building permit has been issued prior to adoption of this Section.
- g) Forestry, grazing, farming, nurseries, and truck gardening.
- h) Accessory uses to any of the above permitted uses.

4240. Special Permits.

4241. Schedule of Special Permit Uses. Where otherwise legally permitted by the provisions of this zoning bylaw applicable to the underlying districts in which the District is located, and subject to such special conditions and safeguards as the Board of Appeals deems necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Section, the following uses are permitted by Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph 4242:

- a) Foot bridges, plank walks, duck walks, and private boat landings.
- b) Golf courses.
- c) Temporary storage of materials or equipment.
- d) Dams, excavation or changes in water courses to create ponds or pools for swimming, fishing or other recreational or agricultural use, scenic features or for improvements consistent with the purposes of this Section.
- e) Appropriate driveways and roads when alternative means of access are impractical.

f) Repair, rebuilding, modification, enlargement or exterior alteration of existing structures, which will be subject to the substantial improvement provisions of the Massachusetts State Building Code.

4242. Considerations. In hearing an application for a Special Permit hereunder, the Board of Appeals shall consider, in addition to any other factors said Board deems pertinent, the following factors: (Revised 5/5/94 Annual Town Meeting)

- a) Geographic location of proposed structures and security of access thereto during flooding.
- b) Foundation elevations and security of foundations during flooding.
- c) Disposal and containment of sewage during flooding.
- d) In Zone ~~A1-30~~ and AE, along watercourses within the Town of Norwell that have a regulatory floodway designated on the ~~Norwell Plymouth County FIRM or Flood Boundary & Floodway Map (250276-0001-0009 to 250276-0008B)~~ encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- e) Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones in order to assure that: 1) such proposals minimize flood damage; 2) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and 3) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.
- f) In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

4243. Criteria for Approval. Whenever the Board of Appeals is authorized to issue a Special Permit for a use under this Section, said Board shall assure, that such use shall be consistent with the purposes of this Section, and will,

- a) Not produce unsuitable development in marshes, bogs and ponds or along water courses or in areas subject to flooding.
- b) Protect and preserve the inland marshes, bogs, ponds and water courses and their adjoining wetlands in order to safeguard the purity of inland and tidal waters for the propagation and protection of marine life and for recreational purposes.
- c) Conserve the value of lands and existing buildings.
- d) Facilitate the adequate protection of provision of a water supply through preservation and maintenance of the ground water table.
- e) Encourage the most appropriate use of the land.

4250. Prohibited Uses. Except as provided in paragraph 4230, no building, wall, dam or other structure shall be created, constructed altered, enlarged or otherwise created or moved in the district for any purpose.

No dumping, filling excavating or transferring of any material which will reduce or impair natural water storage or recharge capacity of any land within the District or interfere with the natural flow patterns of any water course within the District shall be permitted.

4260. Notification of Watercourse Alteration. **(Revised 5/5/94 Annual Town Meeting)**

Notifying, in a riverine situation, the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

Adjacent Communities
Bordering Stations (optional)

NFIP State Coordinator
~~Massachusetts Office of Water Resources~~
~~400 Cambridge Street~~
~~Boston, MA 02202~~
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700
Boston, MA 02114-2104

NFIP Program Specialist
~~FEMA Region I, Rm. 462~~
~~J. W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse~~
~~Boston, MA 02109~~
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor

4270. Administration.

4271. Whenever an application is made for a building which the Building Inspector believes may involve the use of land in the District, he shall determine by any means at his disposal, whether the parcel identified in the application lies within the District.

4272. In order to expedite this determination, the Building Inspector shall at his request be provided by the applicant a complete topographic plan of the area proposed for use prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or Registered Land Surveyor showing elevations of the land, contours at one-foot intervals to the same base and scale as that on the "Flood Plain, Watershed and Wetlands Protection District" maps of the Town, and showing all pertinent information including existing brooks, streams, river and areas of ponding, the extent and depth of proposed excavation and/or filling and limits of other proposed construction and/or appurtenant work.

4273. In case of a building permit for an interior improvement to a building or structure, the foregoing overall topographic plan shall not be required, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-Law Article III General Regulations to incorporate a new section 3500 Stormwater Management.

Section 3500: Stormwater Management

3510. PURPOSE

Regulation of discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is necessary for the protection of the Town of Norwell's water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment. Increased and contaminated stormwater runoff associated with developed land uses and the accompanying increase in impervious surface are major causes of impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater.

A. The harmful impacts of soil erosion and sedimentation are:

1. Impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater;
2. Contamination of drinking water supplies;
3. Alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat;
4. Flooding; and
5. Overloading or clogging of municipal catch basins and storm drainage systems.

B. The objectives of this Section are:

1. To require practices to control the flow of stormwater from new and redeveloped sites into the Town of Norwell's storm drainage system in order to prevent flooding and erosion;
2. To protect groundwater and surface water from degradation;
3. To promote groundwater recharge;
4. To prevent pollutants from entering the Town of Norwell's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and to minimize discharge of pollutants from the MS4;
5. To ensure adequate long-term operation and maintenance of structural stormwater best management practices so that they work as designed;
6. To comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
7. To establish the Town of Norwell's legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Section through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

3515. DEFINITIONS

ABUTTER: The owner(s) of land abutting the activity.

AGRICULTURE: The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its implementing regulations.

ALTERATION OF DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS: Any activity on an area of land that changes the water quality, force, direction, timing or location of runoff flowing from the area. Such changes include: change from distributed

runoff to confined, discrete discharge, change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area.

APPLICANT: Any person, individual, partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, trust, authority, agency, department, or political subdivision, of the Commonwealth or the Federal government to the extent permitted by law requesting a soil erosion and sediment control permit for proposed Construction Activity.

AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: The Planning Board (hereafter the Board), its employees or agents designated to enforce this Section.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

CLEARING: Any activity that removes/structurally alters pre-existing pervious or impervious surfaces at a Site.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: Any activity that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel or similar earth material.

CONSTRUCTION SITE: The plot of land located within the Town on which the Construction Activity will occur.

CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE MATERIALS: Excess or discarded building or site materials, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at a construction site that may adversely impact water quality.

DEVELOPMENT: The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.

DISTURBANCE: Construction Activity including clearing, grubbing, or grading.

GRADING: Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.

GRUBBING: The act of clearing land surface by digging up roots and stumps.

EROSION: The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN: A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related activities.

ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE AND CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS: Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00).

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: (G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations at (321 CMR 10.00) which prohibit the "taking" of any rare plant or animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY: The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131 §. 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act G.L. c. 21, §. 23-56. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS: The Standards issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), codified in regulations at 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) and further defined and specified in the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook issued by the DEP. The Standards address stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards that reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or municipal storm drain system: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system,

street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Norwell.

NPDES: National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit issued by the Environment Protection Agency to the Applicant.

OPERATOR: The party associated with the Construction Activity that meets either of the following two criteria: (1) The party who has operational control over construction plans and specifications including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications or (2) The party who has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project which are necessary to ensure compliance with a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the site or other permit conditions.

OWNER: A person with a legal or equitable interest in property.

OUTFALL: The point at which stormwater flows out from a point source discernible, confined and discrete conveyance into waters of the Commonwealth.

OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS (ORWs): Waters designated by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as ORWs. These waters have exceptional sociologic, recreational, ecological and/or aesthetic values and are subject to more stringent requirements under both the Massachusetts Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00) and the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards. ORWs include vernal pools certified by the Natural Heritage Program of the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, all Class A designated public water supplies with their bordering vegetated wetlands, and other waters specifically designated.

PERSON: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

POINT SOURCE: Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

POLLUTANTS: Include without limitation the following: Dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter back-wash, sewage, garbage, sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rocks, sand, animal or agricultural waste, oil, grease, gasoline or diesel fuel.

REDEVELOPMENT: Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface or increase the impervious area on previously developed sites.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION: All activity in preparation for construction.

PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES: Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its regulations.

RUNOFF: Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

SEDIMENT: Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

SEDIMENTATION: The process or act of deposition of sediment.

SITE: Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where land-disturbing activities are, were, or will be performed.

SLOPE: The incline of a ground surface expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance.

SOIL: Any earth, sand, rock, gravel, or similar material.

STABILIZATION: The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods, to prevent or retard erosion.

STORMWATER: Storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

STORMWATER DISCHARGES: Stormwater that runs off from the construction Site into the MS4 or otherwise into Waters of the U.S.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES: Infrastructure improvements that are constructed or installed during Construction Activity to prevent Pollutants from entering Stormwater Discharges or to reduce the quantity of Stormwater Discharges that will occur after Construction Activity has been completed. Examples include but are not limited to: on-site filtration, flow attenuation by vegetation or natural depressions, outfall velocity dissipation devices, retention structures and artificial wetlands, and water quality detention structures.

STORMWATER PERMIT: The permit issued by the Awarding Authority to the Applicant which allows Construction Activity to occur as outlined by the Applicant in its application and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP): That plan required of all Applicants in which they outline the Erosion and Sedimentation BMPs they will use, the BMPs they will use to control wastes generated on the Construction Site, the Stormwater Management Measures they will construct and their plan for long-term maintenance of these measures.

STRIP: Any activity which removes the vegetative ground surface cover, including tree removal, clearing, grubbing, and storage or removal of topsoil.

TSS: Total Suspended Solids.

VERNAL POOLS: Temporary bodies of freshwater which provide critical habitat for a number of vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife species.

WATERCOURSE: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

1. **WATERS OF THE U.S.:** These include:
2. All waters that are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;
3. All interstate waters including interstate wetlands;
4. All other waters such as interstate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sand flats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds the use, degradation, or destruction of which would affect or could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters:
 - a. That are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes;
 - b. From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or
 - c. That are used or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate Commerce;
5. All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States under this definition;
6. Tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this definition;
7. The territorial sea; and
8. Wetlands adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs 1 through 6 of this definition.

WETLANDS: Tidal and non-tidal areas characterized by saturated or nearly saturated soils most of the year that are located between terrestrial (land-based) and aquatic (water-based) environments, including freshwater marshes around ponds and channels (rivers and streams), brackish and salt marshes; common names include marshes, swamps and bogs.

3520. AUTHORITY

This Section is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

3525. APPLICABILITY

This Section shall apply to all activities that result in disturbance of one or more acres of land, where all or a portion of that land drains stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system. Except as authorized by the Board in a Stormwater Permit or as otherwise provided in this Section, no person shall perform any activity that results in disturbance of an acre or more of land.

Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulation 310 CMR 10.4, are exempt. In addition, Construction Activities are exempt from needing a Stormwater Permit if stormwater discharge resulting from the project demonstrates compliance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards, either through a properly issued Order of Conditions, Site Plan Review, Special Permit/Variance or Subdivision Plan approval. In order to receive this exemption, the Order of Conditions, Site Plan Review, Special Permit/Variance or Subdivision Plan approval must relate to the entire footprint of the project.

The Stormwater Permit does not exclude the requirement of filing a Construction General Permit with the Environmental Protection Agency.

3530. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION

A. The Board shall administer, implement and enforce this Section. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Board may be delegated in writing by the Board to its employees or agents.

B. Waiver. The Board may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this Section or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, where:

1. Such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations,
2. The project is in the public interest, and
3. The project is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this Section.

C. Rules and Regulations. The Board may adopt, and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Section. Failure by the Board to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this Section.

3535. PERMITS and PROCEDURE

A. Application Procedure. Applicant must sign and file an Application for a Stormwater Permit on a form provided by the Town. The Application should be submitted to the Board and to be deemed complete must be accompanied by:

1. A Stormwater Permit Application Fee.
2. Identification of the Construction Site by book, page, and plot number in the records of the Assessor's Office.
3. A narrative description of the Construction Activity intended, the proposed use of any improvements to be constructed and the construction timetable.
4. A Site Plan required by subsection 3540.
5. A list of abutters certified by the Assessor's Office including addresses.
6. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan required by subsection 3545.

B. Entry. Filing an application for a permit grants the Board or its agent, permission to enter the site to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions.

C. Other Boards. The Board shall notify the Town Clerk of receipt of the application, and shall give one copy of the application package to the Building Department, Conservation Commission and Highway Department for review and comment.

D. Public Hearing. The Board shall hold a public hearing within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a complete application and shall take final action within twenty-one (21) days from the time of the close of the hearing unless such time is extended by agreement between the applicant and the Board. Notice of the public hearing shall be given by publication and posting and by first-class mailings to abutters at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing. The Board shall make the application available for inspection by the public during business hours at the Town of Norwell's Planning Department Office.

E. Information requests. The applicant shall submit all additional information requested by the Board to issue a decision on the application.

F. Action by the Board.

The Board may:

1. Approve the Stormwater Permit Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this Section;
2. Approve the Stormwater Permit Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Board determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this Section;
3. Disapprove the Stormwater Permit Application and deny the permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives and requirements of this Section.

Prior to approval of a Stormwater Permit Application, the Board will ensure that that the Applicant is incorporating Low Impact Design and green infrastructure (e.g., rain gardens, bio-retention areas, water quality swales, etc.) to the maximum extent practicable. This should include elements that avoid clear cutting and minimize the amount of proposed impervious surfaces.

G. Failure of the Board to take final action. Failure of the Board to take final action upon an Application within the time specified above shall be deemed to be approval of said Application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without the Board's action, the Stormwater Permit shall be issued by the Board.

H. Fee Structure. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee as established by the Board pursuant to rules and regulations to be adopted by the Board. Applicants shall pay review fees as determined by the Board sufficient to cover any expenses connected with the public hearing and review of the Stormwater Permit

Application before the review process commences. The Board is authorized to retain a Registered Professional Engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Board on any or all aspects of the Application.

I. Project Changes. The permittee, or their agent, must notify the Board in writing of any change or alteration of a land-disturbing activity authorized in a Stormwater Permit before any change or alteration occurs. If the Board determines that the change or alteration is significant, based on the design requirements listed in subsection 3540 and accepted construction practices, the Board may require that an amended Stormwater Permit application be filed and a public hearing held. If any change or alteration from the Stormwater Permit occurs during any land disturbing activities, the Board may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving the change or alteration.

3540. SITE PLAN

The Site Plan that is submitted must be stamped by a Professional Civil Engineer (P.E.) registered in Massachusetts and contain at least the following information:

- A. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Person(s) or firm(s) preparing the plan.
- B. Title, date, north arrow, scale, legend and locus map.
- C. Zoning, district boundaries and current land use on the Construction Site.
- D. Location and description of natural features including watercourses and water bodies, wetland resource areas and all floodplain information including the 100-year flood elevation based upon the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map (or as calculated by a professional engineer for areas not assessed on those maps) located on or adjacent to the Construction Site.
- E. A description and delineation of existing Stormwater conveyances and impoundments located on the Construction Site with their point of discharge noted.
- F. Location and description of existing soils and vegetation including tree lines, shrub layer, ground cover and herbaceous vegetation with run-off coefficient of each and identification of trees with a caliper twelve (12) inches or larger.
- G. Habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species located on or adjacent to the Construction Site.
- H. Lines of existing abutting streets showing drainage, driveway locations and curb cuts on and abutting the Construction Site.
- I. Surveyed property lines of the Construction Site showing distances and monument locations, all existing easements, rights-of-way, and other encumbrances, the area of the entire area that is to be disturbed. The plan shall specify the land area and area of upland and wetlands on the Site and easements required for construction/post-construction O&M. As a condition of the issuance of the Certificate of Completion by the Board, all easements required for construction/post-construction O&M should be filed at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.
- J. All proposed Site improvements including location of buildings or other structures and impervious surfaces (such as parking lots).
- K. Topographical features including existing and proposed contours at intervals of no greater than two (2) feet with spot elevations provided when needed.
- L. The existing and proposed site hydrology including drainage patterns and finish grades after construction.
- M. Location of the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System with relation to the Construction Site.
- N. Identification of Outfalls which are located on the Construction Site.
- O. Stormwater Discharge calculations prepared and certified by a Registered Professional Civil Engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts describing the volume and rate of Stormwater that presently discharges from the Construction Site and the estimated volume and rate of post-development conditions.

P. Identification of any existing Stormwater Discharges emanating from the Construction Site and discharging into the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System and receiving waters.

Q. Soil logs at all proposed detention/retention basins demonstrating infiltration rates necessary for Best Management Practice implementation.

3545. STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The Applicant must submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) with its Application for a Stormwater Permit. The SWPPP must be stamped by a Professional Civil Engineer (P.E.) registered in Massachusetts and include the following: (1) a plan to control wastes generated by the Construction Activity on the Construction Site, (2) an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, (3) a plan to construct Stormwater Management Measures, and (4) a plan for Operation and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Measures after construction has been completed.

A. PLAN TO CONTROL WASTES

B. Applicant must list the construction and waste materials expected to be generated or stored on the Construction Site. These wastes include but are not limited to: discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, sanitary waste and material stockpiles. Applicant must also describe in narrative form the Best Management Practices it will utilize to reduce pollutants from these materials including storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to Stormwater and spill prevention and response plans. If any structural BMPs are proposed, they must be identified and located on the site plan. At a minimum, the Applicant's plan should provide for the following:

1. Areas designated and controlled for equipment storage, maintenance and repair.
2. Convenient locations for waste receptacles and a schedule for regular removal.
3. Wash down areas for vehicles selected to prevent contamination of Stormwater.
4. Covered storage areas for chemicals, paints, solvents, fertilizers and other toxic materials.
5. Adequately maintained sanitary facilities.

B. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN

C. Applicant must describe its plan for properly stabilizing the site before construction begins and the BMPs that it will use during construction to minimize erosion of the soil and sedimentation of the Stormwater. These BMPs should include both stabilization practices such as: seeding, mulching, preserving trees and vegetative buffer strips, contouring and structural practices such as: earth dikes, silt fences, drainage swales, sediment traps, check dams, and subsurface or pipe slope drains. Applicant must locate structural BMPs on the site plan. Applicant must also provide details of construction including the timing, scheduling and sequencing of development including clearing, stripping, rough grading, construction, final grading and Final Site Stabilization. The design requirements of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan are:

1. Minimize total area of disturbance;
2. Sequence activities to minimize simultaneous areas of disturbance;
3. Minimize peak rate of runoff in accordance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Policy;
4. Minimize soil erosion and control sedimentation during construction, provided that prevention of erosion is preferred over sedimentation control;
5. Divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas;
6. Maximize groundwater recharge;
7. Install and maintain all Erosion and Sediment Control measures in accordance with the manufacturers specifications and good engineering practices;
8. Prevent off-site transport of sediment;
9. Protect and manage on and off-site material storage areas (overburden and stockpiles of dirt, borrow areas, or other areas used solely by the permitted project are considered a part of the project);
10. Comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations including waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations, and air quality requirements, including dust control;
11. Prevent significant alteration of habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or Of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species from the proposed activities;
12. Institute interim and permanent stabilization measures, which shall be applied on a disturbed area as soon as practicable but no more than 14 days after construction activity has temporarily or permanently ceased on that portion of the site;
13. Prevent off-site vehicle tracking of sediments by placing stone at all points of ingress and egress to the Site and installing wash-down areas for vehicles as necessary to ensure no off-site vehicle tracking of sediments

C. PLAN TO CONSTRUCT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The application for a Stormwater Permit shall include submittal of a Plan to Construct Stormwater Management Measures to the Board. This Plan shall contain sufficient information for the Board to evaluate the environmental impact, effectiveness, and acceptability of the measures proposed by the Applicant for reducing adverse impacts from stormwater. The Plan shall be designed to meet the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards and DEP Stormwater Management Handbook Volumes I and II, as revised. The Plan shall fully describe the project in drawings and narrative. It shall include:

1. The existing site hydrology with supporting data,
2. A description & delineation of existing stormwater conveyances, impoundments, and wetlands on or adjacent to the site or into which stormwater flows,
3. Estimated seasonal high groundwater elevation (November to April) and soil logs for areas to be used for stormwater retention, detention, or infiltration,
4. The existing and proposed vegetation and ground surfaces with runoff coefficients for each,
5. Identification of water bodies that will receive Stormwater Discharges from the Construction Site with the location of drains/outfalls noted on the Site Plan. A brief description of known water quality impacts and whether the water bodies receiving such Stormwater Discharges have:
 - Been assessed and reported in reports submitted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to EPA pursuant to Section 305 (b) of the Clean Water Act
 - Been listed as a Category 5 Water (Waters Requiring a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)) by DEP under 303(d) of the CWA.
6. A drainage area map showing pre- and post-construction watershed boundaries, drainage area and stormwater flow paths,
7. A description and drawings of all components of the proposed drainage system including:
 - a. locations, cross sections, and profiles of all brooks, streams, drainage swales and their method of stabilization,
 - b. all measures for the detention, retention or infiltration of water,
 - c. all measures for the protection of water quality,
 - d. the structural details for all components of the proposed drainage systems and stormwater management facilities,
 - e. notes on drawings specifying materials to be used and construction specifications,
8. Proposed improvements including location of buildings or other structures, impervious surfaces, utilities and drainage facilities, if applicable,
9. Timing, schedules, and sequence of development including clearing, stripping, rough grading, construction, final grading, and vegetative stabilization,
10. A maintenance schedule for the period of construction,
11. Any other information requested by the Board.

The Plan shall also meet the Ten Standards of the DEP Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. When one or more of the Standards cannot be met, an Applicant may demonstrate that an equivalent level of environmental protection will be provided.

D. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

An Operation and Maintenance Plan (O&M Plan) is required at the time of application for all projects. The O&M plan shall be designed to ensure compliance with this Section and that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314, CMR 4.00 are met in all seasons and throughout the life of the system. The Board shall make the final decision of what maintenance option is appropriate in a given situation. The Board will consider natural features, proximity of site to water bodies and wetlands, extent of impervious surfaces, size of the site, the types of stormwater management structures, and potential need for ongoing maintenance activities when making this decision. The O&M Plan shall remain on file with the Board and shall be an ongoing requirement. The O&M Plan shall include:

1. The name(s) of the owner(s) for all components of the system
2. Maintenance agreements that specify:
 - a. The names and addresses of the person(s) responsible for operation and maintenance
 - b. The person(s) responsible for financing maintenance and emergency repairs.
 - c. A maintenance schedule for all drainage structures, including swales and ponds.
 - d. A list of easements with the purpose and location of each.
 - e. The signature(s) of the owner(s).
3. Stormwater Management Easement(s).
 - a. Stormwater management easements shall be provided by the property owner(s) as necessary for:
 - (1) access for facility inspections and maintenance,
 - (2) preservation of stormwater runoff conveyance, infiltration, and detention areas and facilities, including flood routes for the 100-year storm event.
 - (3) direct maintenance access by heavy equipment to structures requiring regular cleanout.
 - b. The purpose of each easement shall be specified in the maintenance agreement signed by the property owner.
 - c. Stormwater management easements are required for all areas used for off-site stormwater control,

- unless a waiver is granted by the Board.
- d. Easements shall be recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds prior to issuance of a Certificate of Completion by the Board.
- 2. Changes to Operation and Maintenance Plans
 - a. The owner(s) of the stormwater management system must notify the Board of changes in ownership or assignment of financial responsibility.
 - b. The maintenance schedule in the Maintenance Agreement may be amended to achieve the purposes of this Section by mutual agreement of the Board and the Responsible Parties. Amendments must be in writing and signed by all Responsible Parties. Responsible Parties shall include owner(s), persons with financial responsibility, and persons with operational responsibility.

3550 PERMIT TERM

The Stormwater Permit shall be effective upon the date of issuance and remain in effect until the earlier to occur of: 1) a Certificate of Completion is issued by the Awarding Authority indicating that all Construction Activity has ceased and Final Site Stabilization construction, inspection and approval by a representative of the Awarding Authority has occurred, or 2) the date three years from the date of issuance of the Stormwater Permit has occurred without Applicant starting Construction Activity on the Construction Site.

3555. INSPECTION AND SITE SUPERVISION

A. Pre-construction Meeting. Prior to starting clearing, excavation, construction, or land disturbing activity the applicant, the applicant's technical representative, the general contractor or any other person with authority to make changes to the project, shall meet with the Board, to review the permitted plans and their implementation.

B. Board Inspection. The Board or its designated agent shall make inspections as hereinafter required and shall either approve that portion of the work completed or shall notify the permittee wherein the work fails to comply with the Stormwater Permit as approved. The Permit and associated plans for grading, stripping, excavating, and filling work, bearing the signature of approval of the Board, shall be maintained at the site during the progress of the work. In order to obtain inspections, the permittee shall notify the Board at least two (2) working days before each of the following events:

1. Erosion and sediment control measures are in place and stabilized;
2. Site Clearing has been substantially completed;
3. Rough Grading has been substantially completed;
4. Final Grading has been substantially completed;
5. Close of the Construction Season; and
6. Final Landscaping (permanent stabilization) and project final completion.

C. Permittee Inspections. The permittee or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures) no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his/her agent shall submit monthly reports to the Board or designated agent in a format approved by the Board.

D. Access Permission. To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Board its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this Section and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Board deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

3560. SURETY

The Board may require the permittee to post before the start of Construction Activity, a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or other acceptable security. The form of the bond shall be approved by town counsel, and be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Board to ensure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. If the project is phased, the Board may release part of the bond as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit but the bond may not be fully released until the Board has received the final report as required by subsection 3565 and issued a certificate of completion.

3565. FINAL REPORTS

Upon completion of the work, the permittee shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans) from a Professional Engineer (P.E.), surveyor, certifying that all erosion and sediment control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved Stormwater Permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter.

3570. ENFORCEMENT

A. The Board or an authorized agent of the Board shall enforce this Section, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

B. Orders

1. The Board or an authorized agent of the Board may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this Section or the regulations thereunder, which may include:
 - a. a requirement to cease and desist from the Construction Activity until there is compliance with the provisions of the land-disturbance permit;
 - b. maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures;
 - c. monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
 - d. remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity.
2. If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Norwell may, at its option, undertake such work, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town of Norwell's expenses.
3. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Norwell, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in G.L. c.59, §57, after the thirty-first day following the day on which the costs were due.

C. Any person that violates any provision of this Section may be punished, under G.L. c.40 §21D as a noncriminal offense, by fines of:

1. First offense: \$100
2. Second offense: \$200
3. Additional offenses: \$300

Or under G.L. c.40 §21D by criminal complaint at the appropriate venue. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Appeals. The decisions or orders of the Board shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

E. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies listed in this Section are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

3575. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The Board will issue a letter certifying completion upon receipt and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this Section.

3580. SEVERABILITY

If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this Section shall be held invalid for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect. Or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-Law Article I Administration and Procedure §1500 Site Plan Review by removing strikethrough sections and incorporating underlined sections.

1500. Site Plan Review.

1510. When Required. No structure shall hereafter be erected or externally enlarged by more than 200 square feet on any lot in any non-residential district, or for any non-residential use in Residential Districts A and B (meaning thereby all districts under the Zoning Bylaws ~~except Residential Districts~~

~~A and B)~~ and no such use hereafter be established or expanded in ground area on any lot in any such district except in conformity with a site plan of such lot and structures proposed to be constructed on such lot bearing endorsement of approval by the Board of Appeals, unless another town board or committee is specifically designated, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

The Advisory Board DOES NOT recommend this article 6-2. The Advisory Board is concerned with the lack of clarity and an exemption for residential use.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-Law Article II District Regulations §2320 Business District A by removing strikethrough sections and incorporating the table shown under “Proposed New Language”:

EXISTING LANGUAGE:

2320. Business District A.

2321. Permitted Residential Uses.

- ~~a) One family detached dwelling and associated outbuildings, with not more than one such dwelling located on any lot.~~
- ~~b) Conversion of a dwelling existing at the time of the passage of this Bylaw to a two or three family dwelling, provided that such conversion does not substantially change the character or size of the structure, and provided further that the lot appurtenant to said dwelling has an area per family unit of at least half that required for a single family unit.~~

2322. Permitted Community Service Uses.

- ~~a) Municipal buildings conforming to area and setback requirements and properly landscape screened.~~
- ~~b) Public utility buildings directly needed to provide services to the townspeople, which conform to area and setback requirements and which are properly landscape screened, but not including business offices, repair garages, or outside storage areas.~~
- ~~c) Cemetery.~~
- ~~d) Educational and religious uses exempt from zoning prohibitions by G.L. c, 40A, s. 3.~~
- ~~e) Other institutional, educational, recreational, philanthropic, or religious building or use, provided that such building or use is not a business undertaking, but not including one, the chief activity of which is a service (1) to delinquent criminal, mentally deficient or mentally deranged persons, or (2) customarily carried on as a business.~~

2323. Permitted Business Uses.

- ~~a) An office of either a doctor, or a dentist, or a lawyer with not more than (3) members of said profession in occupancy.~~

2324. Other Permitted Principal Uses.

- ~~a) A private club managed and controlled by the membership, but not including one whose chief activity is a service customarily carried on as a business. However, the foregoing shall not prohibit the customary functions of bona fide country clubs, sportsman clubs, amateur dramatic clubs, social or educational clubs, and the like.~~
- ~~b) Agricultural pursuits (and buildings necessary to such pursuits) including the sale of products most of which are raised on the premises and the processing of timber or lumber grown on the premises, but not that grown elsewhere, except as otherwise permitted in the Section.~~

2325. Permitted Accessory Uses.

- ~~a) Customary home occupations such as insurance, or real estate, craft manufacturing, dressmaking, millinery, hair dressing, preparing food for sale, mail order businesses, the taking of not more than four boarders or lodgers at any one time, the like, conducted by a person residing in the premises and provided that such occupations and use are not injurious or offensive to the neighborhood because of the emission of odors, fumes, dust, noise, smoke, vibrations or other causes.~~
- ~~b) Service businesses provided that (1) the business is conducted by a resident occupant; (2) the business is conducted principally away from the premises; (3) the business is not injurious or offensive to the neighborhood because of the emission of odors, fumes, dust, noise, smoke, vibrations or other causes; and (4) there is no display of goods visible from the street.~~

2326. Uses Requiring a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals.

- ~~a) Any business, including shops for custom work and service operations, where the product or service is customarily sold on the premises to the consumer. Gasoline and service stations and automobile sales and repair establishments are prohibited.~~
- ~~b) Any other business similar to but not enumerated in subparagraph 2325 a) and b).~~

c) Conversion to add one accessory dwelling unit to a single-family dwelling which has been in existence for and not substantially altered within twenty-four months or longer at the time of application. Such Special Permit shall be granted only if:

- (1) the accessory unit will be a part of the main dwelling and the habitable floor area of the accessory dwelling unit will not be more than one-third that of the main dwelling;
- (2) there will be no more than a 5% increase in the habitable floor area of the main dwelling;
- (3) the owner of the premises will occupy one of the units except for temporary absences and the other unit will be occupied by one or more persons (a) directly related to the owner by blood or marriage, or (b) 60 years of age or more;
- (4) exterior alterations will not change the appearance of the main dwelling as a single-family residence;
- (5) the Board of Health documents to the Board of Appeals that sewage disposal will be satisfactorily provided for, and that there is an appropriate reserve area on the site meeting requirements of the Board of Health Rules and Regulations and Title V of the State Environmental Code, and having soils suitable for replacement on-site disposal system.

d) Operation of a business between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

— In addition to any applicable conditions specified in this section, the Board of Appeals may impose such additional conditions as it finds reasonably appropriate to safeguard the neighborhood or otherwise serve the purpose of this by-law, including but not limited to the following:

- a. maximum number of occupants
- b. maximum number of rooms
- c. modification of driveway or parking spaces to provide adequate off-street parking.

— For purposes of this section, an accessory dwelling unit shall mean one or more rooms with kitchen and bathroom facilities not shared with any other dwelling unit and located in a main dwelling originally designed and constructed as a single-family dwelling.

2327. PROHIBITED USES IN BUSINESS DISTRICT A: (ATM 5/15/2001—Art. 26)

The following use shall be prohibited:

Body Art Establishments (See Article V—Definitions)

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

2320. Business District A

The following table classifies uses within the Business District A. (Y) is allowed by-right, (N) is not allowed, and (SP) indicates the use is allowed by Special Permit. (GSF) is gross square feet.

Mixed-use Buildings that contain at least one floor devoted to non-residential uses and at least one devoted to residential uses are allowed as indicated in the use table.

Uses not identified within the table are prohibited.

Type	Use	Permitted
Residential	Single Family	N
	Single Family (above non-residential)	Y
	Two Family	N
	Two Family (above non-residential) ¹	Y
	Multi-Family	N
	Multi-Family (6 units max above non-residential) ¹	SP
	Live/Work Space (above non-residential) (specific use of "work" space may require Special Permit under this section)	Y
	Assisted Living / Nursing Home	SP
Commercial	Convenience Stores	
	0-5,000 gsf	Y
	>5000 gsf	N
	Pharmacies	
	0-5,000 gsf	Y
	>5000 gsf	N
	Cafés	Y
	Art Galleries	Y
	Banks	
	0-5,000 gsf	Y
	>5000 gsf	N

	Grocery Stores	SP
	Doctor, Dentist or Lawyer's Office (not more than three (3) members of said profession in occupancy)	Y
	Private Club ²	Y
	Business or Professional Offices	SP
	Retail Sales and Services	Y
	0-5,000 gsf	SP
	5,001-10,000 gsf	SP
	>10,000 gsf (10,000 gsf maximum per floor)	SP
	Personal Services	SP
	0-5,000 gsf	N
	>5000 gsf	N
	Restaurants	SP
	Taverns	SP
	Outdoor seating associated with Restaurants or Cafés subject to applicable licensing requirements	SP
	Movie House (maximum of two screens)	SP
	Liquor Stores	SP
	0-5,000 gsf	N
	>5000 gsf	N
	Outdoor Markets subject to applicable licensing requirements	SP
	Indoor Recreational Facilities	SP
	Body Art Establishment	N
	Hotel/Inn (10 rooms maximum)	SP
	Motel	N
	Gasoline and Service Stations	N
	Automobile Sales and Repair	N
Community Service	Municipal Buildings	Y
	Public Utility Buildings	SP
	Cemetery	Y
	Protected Uses under M.G.L. ch.40A s.3	Y
	Other institutional, educational, recreational, philanthropic or religious use ³	Y
Accessory	Home Occupations ⁴	Y
General Provisions	Drive-up windows associated with any use	N
	Drive-up ATMs associated with any use	N
	Any non-residential use with greater than 10,000 gsf on any individual floor (excludes municipal uses)	N
	Any exclusively residential use with greater than 4,000 gsf on any individual floor	N
	Outdoor Storage (excludes short term retail display)	N
	Operation of a Business between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.	SP

¹ The SPGA may impose such additional conditions as it finds reasonably appropriate to safeguard the neighborhood or otherwise serve the purpose of this by-law, including but not limited to the maximum number of occupants, maximum number of rooms, modification of driveway or parking spaces to provide adequate off-street parking, etc.

² Provided that the club is managed and controlled by the membership and whose chief activity is not a service customarily carried on as a business. Customary functions of bona fide country clubs, sportsman clubs, amateur dramatic clubs, social or educational clubs and the like shall not be prohibited.

³ Provided that such building or use (1) is not a business undertaking, (2) is not one where the chief activity is to service delinquent, criminal, or mentally deranged persons, or (3) is not customarily carried on as a business.

⁴ Provided the use is conducted by a person residing at the premises and the use is not injurious or offensive to the neighborhood because of the emission of odors, fumes, dust, noise, smoke, vibrations or other causes. Customary Home Occupations include insurance, real estate, craft manufacturing, dressmaking, millinery, hair dressing, preparing food for sale, mail order business, service business and inns with not more than four (4) boarders or lodgers at any one time.

or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

The Advisory Board recommends this article 6 – 3.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-Law Article IV Special Regulations to incorporate a new section 4150 Town Center Overlay District and associated changes to section 2100 and section 6900.

2100. Establishment of Districts

Town Center Overlay District (TCOD) – (Voted ATM XX/XX/XXX)

4150. Town Center Overlay District (TCOD)

1. Purpose and Intent

The purposes of the Town Center Overlay District (TCOD) are to:

- A. Promote a visually attractive, pedestrian friendly commercial and mixed residential neighborhood that builds on the historic and cultural character of the town center area.
- B. Allow for a mix of new land uses that are appropriate to both the needs of the community and the scale of surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- C. Maintain a consistently high level of design and quality throughout the district.
- D. Encourage adaptive reuse of abandoned, vacant or underutilized buildings or structures where appropriate.
- E. Encourage energy efficiency and high performance environmental design.

2. Conflict in Standards

Development in the TCOD shall be governed by the zoning in the underlying zoning district except as otherwise authorized under a TCOD Special Permit. For projects qualifying for a TCOD Special Permit under the standards in this section, certain benefits may be conferred; in the event of any conflicts between the standards in this section if the Bylaw and other sections of the Bylaw, the standards of this section shall prevail.

3. Authority

This section defines the authority for projects seeking to obtain approval under the TCOD regulations of this section only.

Site Plan Review shall be required for any project located within and seeking to obtain approval under the TCOD regulations, consistent with the requirements of §1510. In those circumstances where Site Plan Review is required, the Planning Board shall act as the Site Plan Approval Granting Authority and Site Plan Review shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure and under the standards set forth under §1500 of the Bylaw.

The Planning Board shall also serve as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for any project located within and seeking to obtain approval under the TCOD regulations. The Planning Board shall be authorized to approve, approve with conditions, or deny any application after consideration of the criteria set forth in §1400 of the Bylaw and the requirements in this Section of the Bylaw.

There shall be no use variances permissible in the TCOD and dimensional variances must be approved in advance of any Site Plan Review and the submission of any Special Permit.

The Planning Board is further granted the authority to adopt guidelines as a part of its rules and regulations specific to any design standards within its Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

4. Review Requirements

A. New Development

All new development seeking to conform to the more permissive requirements conferred by the TCOD shall prior to the commencement of any work obtain a TCOD Special Permit and receive Site Plan Review approval. Associated signage and parking with a new development shall be subject to the regulations in the TCOD.

B. Alterations to Structures or Uses

1. Any alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural changes to a structure or use approved under TCOD provisions shall require a new Special Permit and, in accordance with §1510, Site Plan Review approval from the Planning Board.
2. Any alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural changes to a lawfully pre-existing non-conforming structure or use shall be regulated by §1642 of this Bylaw and G.L. c. 40A §6.
3. Any alterations to a façade approved under TCOD provisions shall require a new Special Permit from the Planning Board with findings giving consideration to the Design Guidelines in the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.
4. Normal maintenance and repair of the building or structure; and/or replacement of exterior materials, including roofing materials, shingles or clapboard, provided such materials are replaced with the same type of materials are exempt from the Site Plan Review and Special Permit requirements of this section.

C. Alteration to Signage

Alterations to signage approved under the TCOD shall require a new Special Permit from the Planning Board, with findings giving consideration to the Design Review Guidelines in the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

Normal maintenance and repair of existing signs are exempt from these Special Permit requirements and are governed by the signage requirements in ZBL §3300

D. Alteration to Parking

Alterations to a parking lot, location of parking spaces, surfaces and/or the number of spaces approved under the TCOD shall require a new Special Permit from the Planning Board

Normal maintenance and repair of existing parking lots are exempt from these Special Permit requirements and are governed by the parking requirements in ZBL §3100

5. Submission Requirements

An applicant requesting a TCOD Special Permit shall submit a TCOD Special Permit application with the required filing fee in accordance with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations and submit the following information as it pertains to individual projects:

A. New Development and Alterations requiring Site Plan Review (greater than 200 square feet)

1. All submission materials listed in ZBL §1520.
2. Building elevations and perspective renderings from the front, back and two sides shall be submitted that detail the exterior architectural features of the buildings and exterior materials to be used. The Planning Board may request comments on any proposal from the Norwell Historic Commission, Design Review Committee and/or other professional and peer review consultants of its own choosing. In the event that the Planning Board elects to utilize the services of other professional and peer review consultants, the applicant shall be responsible for advance payment of the estimated cost of this review.
3. For any use which requires the delivery of goods or materials, the applicant shall submit a plan for the delivery of goods and materials that includes the access area for the structure, types of delivery trucks to be used, the location and times for unloading, and any potential impacts and mitigation.
4. The applicant shall submit a detailed project narrative detailing how the design standards and guidelines have been addressed with the project.

B. Alterations previously approved by TCOD Special Permit not requiring Site Plan Review (less than 200 square feet)

1. Building elevations and perspective renderings from the front, back and two sides shall be submitted that detail the exterior architectural features of the buildings and exterior materials to be used. The Planning Board may request comments on the proposal from the Norwell Historic Commission, Design Review Committee and/or other professional consultants.
2. The applicant shall submit a detailed project narrative detailing how the design standards and guidelines have been addressed with the project.

C. New Signage

Proposals that require TCOD Special Permit shall submit a plan showing dimensions, materials and lighting.

D. Parking

Any reduction in parking requirements from the underlying zoning district shall require the applicant to submit a proposed parking plan with a detailed explanation and written justification for the reduction.

E. For any project any additional information requested by the Planning Board shall be provided.

6. Procedure

A. The Planning Board, as SPGA for the TCOD, shall adhere to the procedures for Special Permit set forth in ZBL §1400

B. Applicant shall submit seven (7) sets of the required documents to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall review and, as appropriate, obtain technical review of the plan at the applicant's sole cost which said cost shall be advanced at the request of the Planning Board.

C. No building permit shall issue until the Planning Board has approved the site plan after Site Plan Review and granted Special Permit approval in accordance with this section of the Bylaw.

7. Criteria for Approval

A. The Planning Board, as SPGA for the TCOD, shall follow the Special Permit standards outlined in § 1420 of the Bylaw and Site Plan Review standards under § 1540.

B. The Planning Board may also consider the technical, architectural and aesthetic consistency of the proposed project with the district requirements and the character of the Overlay District, taking into account appropriate scale,

massing, location of buildings on lot, roof slopes, street façade, fenestration, exterior building materials, and similar factors relating to the buildings, structures or uses.

8. Dimensional Requirements

A. Lot Area

As part of a TCOD Special Permit approval for commercial or mixed use development, the Planning Board may approve a reduction in the required lot size in the underlying zoning district to -12,500 square feet with the following requirements:

1. Only the project approved by Special Permit shall be constructed unless modifications are approved by the Planning Board.
2. Any remaining lot shall not be rendered non-conforming or become further nonconforming by any division or subdivision of property and the remainder property shall contain at least 1 acre in size.
3. No lot with less than an acre in size shall be created unless by Special Permit with an approved project.

B. Frontage and Width

As part of a TCOD Special Permit approval for commercial or mixed use development, the Planning Board may authorize minimum lot frontage measured at the street line to forty (40) feet with the following requirements:

1. Only the project approved by Special Permit shall be constructed unless modifications are approved by the Planning Board.
2. Any he remaining lot shall not be rendered nonconforming or become further nonconforming by any division or subdivision of property and the remainder property shall contain at least 80 feet of frontage.
3. No lot with less than 80 feet of frontage shall be created unless by Special Permit with an approved project.
4. Lots may be exempt from ZBL §2432 and ZBL §2433 by Special Permit.

C. Setbacks

1. Front Setback
 - a. Non-residential and Mixed Use: Front yard setbacks shall fall within the range of a minimum of fifteen (15) to a maximum of twenty five (25) feet.
 - b. Residential Uses (Exclusive): Front yard setbacks shall comply with the setback requirements in the underlying zoning district.
2. Side Setback

One side yard setback is required at a distance of 12' from the property boundary
3. Rear Setback
 - a. Rear yard setback is required at a distance of 20' from the rear lot line.
 - b. On any lot in the TCOD that is contiguous with or crosses a residential district boundary line, no structure shall be constructed within 30' of said property boundary and a minimum 15' buffer zone of natural vegetation or landscaping shall be located along the property boundary.

D. Height

1. Height Limitations for Non-residential and Mixed Use: Building height for mixed use or non-residential use shall not exceed thirty four (34) feet to the roof peak and no building shall have more than three (3) stories. Chimneys, poles, spires, elevators, HVAC, towers and other projections may extend above the building and/or structure height limit by a maximum of 10 feet. Projections classified by the SPGA as mechanical equipment must be setback a minimum 10 feet from the building edge and screened from public, street level view.
2. Height Limitations for Residential Uses (Exclusive): Building height limits for proposed development that is exclusively residential shall comply with the restrictions in the underlying zoning districts.

E. Building Coverage

As part of a TCOD Special Permit approval buildings and/or structures shall not be erected to exceed 50% of the lot area on which the building is proposed.

F. Waivers

The Planning Board may waive any of the underlying dimensional requirements under §8.C if the Planning Board determines that the requirements create an unbuildable condition on any lot. However, under no circumstances shall the front setback be less than fifteen (15) feet. The applicant shall substantiate by clear and convincing evidence such condition to the satisfaction of the Planning Board.

9. Design Review

A. Design Standards

All projects shall meet the following design standards.

1. *Pedestrian Oriented Requirements*
 - a. Buildings shall have a principal façade and entry (with operable doors) facing a street. Buildings may have more than one principal façade and/or entry.
 - b. Direct pedestrian access from the primary street facing entrance to the sidewalk or street shall be provided.

1. *Location:*
- Required parking shall be on the same premises as the activity it serves with the following exceptions:
- Parking is located on a separate parcel located within 500 feet of the lot boundary.
 - Parking is located in a zoning district allowing the activity it serves.
 - Off-site parking spaces provided by a separate private property owner shall be subject to a legally binding agreement that will be presented to the Planning Board as a condition of the Special Permit. Where an agreement shall expire within a specified timeline, the applicant or current property owner shall continue to provide evidence to the Zoning Enforcement Agent and Planning Board that the agreement has been extended.
 - For non-residential uses, on-street parking spaces that are located directly abutting the proposed use may be counted towards required parking calculations.
 - For non-residential uses located within 300 feet of an officially designated municipal parking lot on-site parking may be reduced by 75%.
2. *Shared Off-Site: See §3180*

- a. Parking is located on a separate parcel located within 500 feet of the lot boundary.
 - b. Parking may be separated by a state numbered highway.
3. *Shared On-Site: See §3180*
- a. Non-competing Uses. In mixed-use developments, applicants may propose a reduction in parking requirements based on an analysis of peak demands for noncompeting uses. Up to 75% of the requirements for the predominant use may be waived by the Planning Board if the applicant can demonstrate that the peak demands for two uses do not overlap.
 - b. Competing Uses. In mixed-use developments, applicants may propose a reduction in parking requirements where peak demands do overlap. In these cases, the Planning Board may reduce the parking requirements of the predominant use by up to 30%.
4. *Egress and Access: See §3155*
- a. The minimum width of a driveway servicing one-way traffic shall be 12 feet.
 - b. The minimum width of a driveway servicing two-way traffic shall be 20 feet and a maximum of 24 feet.
5. *Bicycle Racks:*
- a. A minimum of one bicycle rack is required per non-residential use, this standard can be met with a standard inverted U bike rack.
 - b. Internal storage for one bike per residential unit is required.

Article VI: Description of District

6900. Town Center Overlay District (TCOD)

The Town Center Overlay District (TCOD) shall include that portion of land in the Business District A described in ZBL Section 6300 and the land identified on the Assessor's Map as Block 58, Lot 064 and described in an Order of Taking dated 09/25/1970; Book 3620, Page 746, in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.
(The following guidelines are to be incorporated into Planning Board Rules and Regulations)

SECTION 12.0 TCOD DESIGN GUIDELINES

Design Guidelines

The Design Guidelines outlined below should be applied to development within the Town Center Overlay District where appropriate. These guidelines are not intended to inhibit design creativity or discourage innovative architectural design solutions. Rather, they provide general guidelines for building massing, lot layout, and articulation. It is understood that not all projects would be able to comply with all guidelines, but at a minimum, the majority of guidelines in each of the three sections shall be incorporated into the project design.

12.1 Buildings

- a. All new construction should be LEED certifiable before certificate of occupancy is issued.
- b. Flat facades should be avoided by using recessed or projected entryways, bays, canopies, awnings and other architectural elements at intervals sufficient to provide continuity to pedestrians.
- c. Massing and height should be articulated in a manner compatible with abutting or nearby historic buildings.
- d. Non-residential ground floor street facing facades should include a minimum 50% transparent glass windows. These openings should provide views into the building and not be blocked by interior storage or greater than 25% internally mounted signage.
- e. Building finish materials should be appropriate and consistent with traditional New England architecture and may include, but shall not be limited to wood, cementitious fiber siding, brick or high-quality brick face, stone or high-quality stone-face. Vinyl, unfinished metal or fiberglass as a primary finished surface should not be used.
- f. Blank walls adjacent to streets, alleys or open spaces should not be designed. Where glass windows are not possible or appropriate to the intended use, vertical articulation in the form of raised or recessed surfaces shall be used to break up blank walls.
- g. Dormers are encouraged on pitched gable roofs, dormers should not exceed half the length of the roofline and the outside wall surface should incorporate greater than 50% transparent glass windows.
- h. No building structure should be longer than 120 feet measured along any side of the building which faces the street.
- i. No individual storefront should be wider than 40 feet.
- j. Larger buildings with multiple non-residential tenants on the first floor should articulate the façade in a manner that distinguishes the location of these tenants through the use of decorative raised or depressed vertical surfaces, variations in acceptable signage, awnings, marquees, colonnades or arcades. No individual storefront within the building should be wider than 40 feet.
- k. Roofs
 - 1. Roofs shall be pitched to center ridge in keeping with the distinguishing architectural characteristics of the town center.

2. Slope or pitched roofs with a minimum of 8:12 slope shall be required except up to 20% of the roof area may be flat or of other design than a sloped or pitched roof.

12.2 Signs

- a. Primary signs should be flat against the façade, or mounted projecting from the façade.
- b. Signs that project from buildings should have at least ten (10) feet of clearance from the ground level.
- c. Permanent free standing signs should not be allowed.
- d. Individual signs should not exceed 10 square feet per face.
- e. Signs should be externally lit from the front. Back lighting of signs should not be used.
- f. Neon, flashing signs, moving signs and roof signs should not be used.
- g. Temporary signs with a specific date of expiration, such as sandwich boards, are allowed with advance written approval of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- h. Signs should be made of attractive materials consistent with the character of the district. Materials may include wood (painted or natural), stone, copper, brass, galvanized steel, painted canvas or paint/engraved on façade surface.
- i. Signage on awnings should only be incorporated into the skirt and not on the primary angled surface.
- j. Awning design should respect the building scale, design, style color and materials.

12.3 Site Design

- a. Low Impact Development techniques identified by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs should be incorporated into the design.
- b. Parking areas should be located in the rear of buildings (parking is not allowed in the areas between the building and any abutting streets).
- c. Pavement and other impervious surfaces should be minimized, use of pervious pavers or pavement is encouraged.
- d. Clear pedestrian pathways should be provided between buildings on the same lot and between buildings on adjacent lots to ensure a continuous pedestrian pathway throughout the district.
- e. Adequate access for loading and emergency vehicles should be maintained on one side of the building.
- f. Adequate natural lighting and air circulation for businesses and residents should be maintained.
- g. Front setback areas should be landscaped or provide pedestrian amenities such as a courtyard, benches, outdoor café seating etc., or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

The Advisory Board recommends this article 6 – 3.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds \$25,000, or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Drainage Study Committee and the Highway Surveyor for engineering, installation and or maintenance of Town drainage, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Permanent Drainage Study Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 8-1 in the amount of \$25,000.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the FY2013 fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article. This reauthorizes an existing revolving fund.

ARTICLE: 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$64,000 or any other sum from the Community Preservation Fund, for historic preservation purposes for historic preservation of The James Library Victorian Room at 24 West Street. Said funds will be used to restore the floors, walls, update the electrical wiring. This project will be under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission with final overview by the Community Preservation Committee, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the
Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 8-0-1 in the amount of \$45,000.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,750 or any other sum from the Community Preservation Fund, for historic preservation purposes, for the completion of a Massachusetts Historical Commission burial ground survey and restore four gravestones at the Jacobs Trail Cemetery located between Wendall I Avenue and Doris Avenue or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the
Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,000 or any other sum from the Community Preservation Fund, for historic preservation purposes for the restoration of wood, trim, and paint on the Cushing Center at 673 Main Street for historic preservation. This project will be under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission with final overview by the Community Preservation Committee, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the
Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 or any other sum from the Community Preservation Fund, for open space purposes, for updating of the Town of Norwell's Open Space Plan. This project will be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission with final overview by the Community Preservation Committee, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the
Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$28,715 or any other sum from the Community Preservation Fund, for recreation purposes, for the purpose of surveying, engineering, and lot delineation for the property located at Assessor's Map 53-35 and 53-50 for the future purpose of recreation for the Town. Said property was purchased for \$250,000 in 2009 for recreational purposes. This project will be under the direction of the Town Administrator with input from the Recreation Department and overview by the Community Preservation Committee, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the
Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 44B, to reserve the sum of \$100,000, or another sum, from FY2013 revenues pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; to reserve the sum of \$100,000 or another sum, from FY2013 revenues, for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and to reserve the sum of \$100,000 or another sum, From FY 2013 revenues, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the
Community Preservation Committee

The Advisory recommends this article. This is the required article setting aside funds into the required subsidiary accounts.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$14,000 to be expended under the direction of the Recycling Committee for the care and maintenance of the brush pile located at the Recycling Center, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Recycling Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article 7-2 in the amount of \$14,000.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of computerizing the records of the Norwell Cemetery Committee and for the mapping of the Washington Street and Stetson Meadows cemeteries, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Cemetery Committee

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. Final estimates were not available when the warrant went to print.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Affordable Housing Trust By-Law as passed in Article 41 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 15, 2007 by striking said by-law and replacing it with the following:

NORWELL COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST

The Norwell Community Housing Trust shall be constituted under MGL Chapter 44, Section 55C

SECTION 1. (a) There shall be in the Town of Norwell a Norwell Community Housing Trust Fund, (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust"). The purpose of the Trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Norwell for low- and moderate-income households.

(b) There shall be a board of trustees which shall include not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The board shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen and not more than six (6) At Large members with broad representation across the town, nominated to the Selectmen. Such nominated members shall serve at both the pleasure and request of the Board of Selectmen. The initial terms of the trustees shall be staggered as one (1) or two (2) year terms. All terms thereafter shall be for two (2) years.

SECTION 2. (a) The powers of the board of trustees shall include the following:

(1) to accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the Trust in connection with the provisions of the Norwell Zoning By-Law or other by-law, or any general or special law or any other source, or money from the Community Preservation Act, G.L. Chapter 44B.

(2) to accept and receive municipal, school or other public property, subject to a majority vote of Town Meeting to transfer said property to the Trust, for the purposes of the Trust.

(3) to purchase and retain real or personal property for the purposes of the Trust, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income, and to hold all or part of the Trust property un-invested for such purposes and for such time as the board may deem appropriate.

(4) to manage or improve real property.

(5) to sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any real property for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertakings relative to Trust property as the board deems advisable, notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract.

(6) to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Trust.

(7) to employ and pay reasonable compensation to advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the board deems necessary.

(8) to apportion receipts and charges between income and principal as the board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation, depletion or otherwise.

(9) to carry property for accounting purposes at other than acquisition date values.

(10) to borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the trustees deem advisable, to mortgage and pledge trust assets as collateral, subject to review by the Town Finance Director and approval by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. (Any debt issued by the Trust shall not be deemed to constitute a debt or liability of the Town of Norwell or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Town, but shall be payable solely from the revenues, funds and/or assets of the Trust. Any debt instrument executed by Trust shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect that the Town of Norwell is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereof except from revenues, funds and/or assets of the Trust and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Town of Norwell is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such debt. The issuance of debt by the Trust shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the Town of Norwell to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefore or to make any appropriation for their payment.)

(11) to make distributions or divisions of principal in kind.

(12) to defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the Trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this Article, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the board may deem appropriate.

(13) to extend the time for payment of any obligation to the Trust.

(14) to provide grants or loans to assist low- or moderate-income homebuyers to purchase or rehabilitate a dwelling unit in the Town of Norwell.

(15) to convey, through sale, lease or transfer, real property purchased under this act, to any for-profit or non-profit developer or any public agency to provide lower moderate-income housing, subject to an affordable housing restriction under Section 26 or Sections 31-33 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. (a) As a means of providing available assets for the Trust, all moneys received by the Town through the following means shall be paid directly into the Trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the Trust:

(1) cash payments made by developers to the Town for purposes of creating or preserving affordable housing, under any development agreements or development approvals pursuant to the Norwell Zoning By-Law;

(2) gifts, grants, donations, contributions or other cash payments to the Trust for the purpose of providing low- or moderate-income housing;

(3) general revenues appropriated into the Trust become Trust property, and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated;

(4) all moneys remaining in the Trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the board of trustees within one year of the date they were appropriated into the Trust, shall remain Trust property;

(5) the Trust is exempt from Chapters 59 and 62 of the General Laws, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof; and

(6) the books and records of the Trust shall be reviewed annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices.

SECTION 4. As used in this act, the term "low or moderate income housing" shall mean "low income housing" or "moderate income housing" as defined in Section 2 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. The Town Treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. Any income or proceeds received from the investment of funds shall be credited to and become part of the fund.

SECTION 6. (a) The Trust is a governmental body for purposes of Sections 23A, 23B and 23C of Chapter 39 of the General Laws.

(b) The Trust is a board of the city or town for purposes of G.L. Chapter 30B and Section 15A of Chapter 40; but agreements and conveyances between the Trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, department and public instrumentalities of the Town shall be exempt from G.L. Chapter 30B.

(c) The Trust is a public employer and the members of the board are public employees for purposes of G.L. Chapter 258.

(d) The Trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and trustees as special municipal employees for purposes of G.L. Chapter 268A."

Requested by the Affordable Housing Trust

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town of Norwell Bylaws, Rules and

Regulations, by adding a new Section 17, "Storage of Construction Machinery," as follows:

**TOWN OF NORWELL BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS - ARTICLE XV,
SECTION 17, STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY**

INTENT AND PURPOSE

This bylaw is proposed for the purpose of maintaining the rural and scenic character of Norwell's neighborhoods, conserve the value of real estate, and lessen the threat of an adverse environmental impact by restricting the length upon which the storage of construction machinery excluding that which is owned by the property owner, used or intended-to-be-used in the construction, maintenance, and demolition of structures, or altering of land may be permitted.

SECTION 17. Storage of Construction Machinery.

(a.) Storage of Construction Machinery. No hoisting, excavating, hauling, pushing, grading, paving, drilling, or pile driving machinery excluding that which is owned by the property owner, intended to be used to construct, maintain or demolish structures or alter land may be stored unused for the primary purpose for which it was intended for a period greater than ten (10) consecutive days at any site, other than for municipal use, upon which said construction, maintenance, and/ or demolition of structures, or altering of land is proposed but for which no certification has been issued by the Inspector of Buildings that such action is in compliance with then-applicable zoning, or without review by him regarding whether all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by federal, state or local law.

(b.) Storage of Construction Machinery – Pending, Delayed & Post Construction. No hoisting, excavating, hauling, pushing, grading, paving, drilling, or pile driving machinery excluding that which is owned by the property owner, used to construct, maintain or demolish structures or alter land may be stored unused for the primary purpose for which it was intended for a period greater than forty-five (45) consecutive days at any site, other than for municipal use, upon which said construction, maintenance, and/ or demolition of structures, or altering of land pursuant to a valid building or demolition permit issued by the Building Inspector is pending, delayed or completed.

The Building Inspector shall enforce this Section 17. Each day of any violation shall be considered a separate offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00. The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to dispose of said violations in accordance with the procedures and provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D.

Requested by Citizen Petition

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 44: To ask the Town of Norwell to vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4000 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

Requested by Citizens Petition

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article. The Town has funded this in the past and the funds have not been expended.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the taking off and landing of private and or commercial helicopters in residential areas-medical flights excepted, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by Citizens Petition

The Advisory Board does not recommend this article. Although the Board applauds and supports the efforts made, this is better addressed through the Zoning By-laws.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the excluded debt service stabilization fund to a Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL. Ch. 40, section 5B, for the purpose of reserving funds for capital expenditures, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money to be deposited into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund to offset future costs of retired employee health insurance, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 48: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money from available funds and authorizes the Assessors to use this sum to decrease the tax rate for FY 2013, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

SALE OF THE FISH RIGHTS

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of five public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding and meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefor, fail not and make due return of the Warrant your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 25th day of April, 2012.

Given under our hands at Norwell this 9th day of April in the year of our Lord, 2012.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Norwell, Massachusetts

John G. Mariano, Chairman

Gregg McBride, Vice-Chairman

Ellen Allen, Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: _____

Constable _____ Date _____

NOTES

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Norwell, Massachusetts 02061**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY MAY 7, 2012
ADJOURNED MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

The following Town Meeting tellers checked in voters at their respective Precinct:

PRECINCT ONE: Regina T. Giordani
Denise Nestor

PRECINCT TWO: Jeanette Simmons
Denise Nestor

PRECINCT THREE: Lynn Rose
Eleanor Larson

CONSTABLE: Michael Moore

ATTENDANCE: (No Quorum Required since 1992)

Attendance:	May 7, 2012
Precinct One:	210
Precinct Two:	278
Precinct Three:	<u>323</u>
TOTAL	811

Attendance:	May 21, 2012
Precinct One:	160
Precinct Two:	195
Precinct Three:	<u>259</u>
TOTAL	614

At 7:35 on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium of the Norwell Middle School, Our Moderator, William Coffey called the Special/Annual Town meeting to order.

A motion was made then seconded and unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the call of Meeting and return of Service having been examined by the Moderator and found to be in order.

Minister Victoria Weinstein, of the First parish Church, led the assembly in prayer. Interim Veterans' Agent Michael J. Thorp led the assembly in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Moderator Coffey introduced Eric Russo, member of the Government Study Committee. Mr. Russo reviewed the changes in the Norwell Town Charter that Governor Patrick signed and explained that the next step would be a vote at the Annual Town Election scheduled for May 19, 2012, and a yes vote would be necessary to accomplish the new Charter changes.

Moderator Coffey made the following introductions:

Town Counsel: Robert W. Galvin Esq.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

John G. Mariano, Chair
Gregg McBride, Vice Chair
Ellen H. Allen, Clerk

ADVISORY BOARD:

Timothy W. Greene, Chair
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George Jamieson
Ralph Gordon
Spencer Joseph
Megan Collins
Jacquelyn McClean

TOWN CLERK:

Patricia M. Anderson

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK:

Laurie A. Davis

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Donna G. Mangan

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Nancy Dooley

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Authority Cards for the Special Town Meeting votes were BRIGHT ORANGE, for the Annual Town Meeting vote they were BRIGHT BLUE.

YELLOW YES/NO slips were handed to voters for the SECRET BALLOT, ARTICLE #9, ATM.

WHITE YES/NO slips were also handed to voters for the SECRET BALLOT, ARTICLE #13, ATM

Moderator Coffey reviewed the rules of the meeting:

Please come to one of the microphones that are most convenient.

Give your name and address.

Any amendments must be in writing and I will need (2) two copies.

I will only allow one motion to amend.

After any debate is completed I will take a voice vote.

If needed I will take a standing vote using the proper authority card.

Article #14 is a borrowing article and that requires a secret ballot using your GREEN paper YES/NO sheet.

Moderator Coffey choose (10) ten voters to be called on if any votes needed a hand count. The following were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

MaryBeth Shea, 52 Franklin Rd.

Alison Demong, 18 Powder House Lane
Michael Hilsinger, 124 Norwell Ave.
Daniel Collins, 336 Grove Street
Frederick St Ours, 315 River Street
Steve P. Ivas, 315 Winter St.
Peter Kates, 16 Forest Street
Kevin Jones, 25 Captain Vinal Way
Brian Dalia, 95 Cross Street
Christina McCullough, 58 Wildcat Lane

A motion was made; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that Roger Hughes be appointed Assistant moderator as well as Temporary Moderator for those matters where the elected Moderator stands down during the 2012 Special and Annual Town Meeting.

At 7:40 pm a motion was made, seconded, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to suspend the Annual Town Meeting to take up the Articles of the Special Town Meeting.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:
Monday, May 7, 2012**

ARTICLE NO. 1: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John G. Mariano, Selectman, it was seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 1.

ARTICLE NO. 2: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano, Selectman; it was seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer from free cash the sum of \$140,000 to be added to line item 1-914-201-5175, Health Insurance.

ARTICLE NO. 3: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectmen; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer from free cash the sum of \$35,000 to be added to line item 1-290-101-5110, Emergency Communications salaries.

ARTICLE NO. 4: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectmen; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 4.

ARTICLE NO. 5: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 5.

ARTICLE NO. 6: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 6.

ARTICLE NO. 7: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$105,750 to be used to pay the cost of phase 1 of the police station study and to meet said appropriation transfer \$76,253 from account #37-220-2750-6121 from Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1998; transfer \$6,597 from account #38-122-2780-6107 from Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2006; and transfer \$22,900 from account #38-122-2781-6107 from Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2006.

ARTICLE NO. 8: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Alison DeMong, Community Preservation Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer the total sum of \$290,000 (\$270,000 for

purchase price and \$20,000 for parking, signage and legal fees) for conservation, passive recreation, and historic preservation purposes, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44B, which said sum shall be used for purchasing a parcel of land containing approximately 16 + or – acres located at 122 Mt. Blue Street, owned by Hilma A. Forslund, Trustee as described on Assessor's Map 8B, Block 9, Lot 26, also known as Cuffey's Lane, and to restrict said land after acquisition with conservation restriction, to be managed and controlled by the Norwell Conservation Commission in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C; the sum of \$120,000 to be transferred from Community Preservation Fund Balance for open space purposes, the sum of \$170,000 to be transferred from the Historic Resources Reserve Account for historic preservation purposes.

ARTICLE NO. 9: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 9.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY MAY 7, 2012

A motion was made by Timothy Green, Advisory Board member, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED the Town defer Annual Town Meeting Articles, #2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 32, 41, 44, 46, 47, 48 and 49 until Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:30 pm once the results of the Annual Town Election override vote is determined.

ARTICLE NO. 1: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, as printed in the 2011 Annual Report.

ARTICLE NO. 6: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John G. Mariano, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY voted that the Town vote to amend the Town Personnel By-law, Section 8, Fringe benefits, sub-section j, insurance, by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Employees hired on or after July 1, 2012 shall pay 40% of the cost of the HMO health plan offered by the Town."

ARTICLE NO. 10 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to amend Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 9, 2011, by adding after the words, "for an addition to the existing fire station at 300 Washington Street for use as a police station" the following "or for the renovation and/or addition to the existing police station at 40 River Street".

ARTICLE NO. 16: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Brian Noble, School Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to reauthorize the School Parking Fees revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, with the School Department authorized to expend from such fund, the fees charged for student parking to be credited to the fund for the purpose of maintenance and security of the parking lot, expenditures not to exceed \$25,000, and not to be spent on salaries, the balance in the fund at year end available for expenditure.

ARTICLE NO. 17: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, School Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to authorize the Norwell School Committee and/or Board of Selectmen to enter into energy supply contracts in excess of three years.

ARTICLE NO. 25: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Peter Dillon, Water Commissioner; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer from water surplus the sum of \$50,000 to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners for the purpose of conducting hydro-geologic studies, well exploration and associated work.

ARTICLE NO. 27: 2/3rd s Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Margaret Etzel, it was seconded and the motion carried with a 2/3rds majority Vote that the Town vote to amend Zoning By-law Article IV Special regulations sec. 4200 Flood Plain, Watershed with Wetlands Protection District as written in the Warrant....

ARTICLE NO. 28: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Margaret Etzel, it was seconded and the motion carried with a 2/3rds majority Vote that the Town vote to amend Zoning By-laws Article III General Regulations to incorporate a new section 3500 Stormwater Management as written in the Warrant.....

ARTICLE NO. 29: Majority Vote Required

A motion made by Margaret Etzel, Planning Board member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 29.

ARTICLE NO. 30: 2/3rds Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Kevin Jones, Planning Board member; it was seconded and Article 30 FAILED TO CARRY.

ARTICLE NO. 31: 2/3RD Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Kevin Jones, Planning Board member; it was seconded and Article FAILED TO CARRY.

ARTICLE NO. 33: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Robert Norris, Historical Commission member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to re-authorize the Stetson Ford House revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 , for the year beginning July 1, 2012, with fees charged for property use to be credited to the fund for the purpose of property maintenance, with expenditures not to exceed \$21,000 and not to be spent on salaries, with the balance in the fund at year end available for expenditure.

ARTICLE NO. 34: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Robert Norris, Historical Commission member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate from Community preservation Fund FY12 revenues the sum of \$64,000, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for historic preservation purposes, for historic preservation of the James Library Victorian room at 24 West street. Said funds will be used to restore the floors, walls, and update the electrical wiring.

ARTICLE NO. 35: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Robert Norris, Historical Commission member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the town vote to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund FY 13 revenues the sum of \$1,750, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for historic preservation purposes, for the completion of a Massachusetts historical commission burial ground survey and restore four gravestones at the Jacobs trail Cemetery located between Wendall Avenue and Doris Avenue. This project will be under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission with the final overview by the Community preservation Committee.

ARTICLE NO. 36: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Rebecca Freed, Community Preservation member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate from Community P

Preservation Fund FY13 revenues the sum of \$75,000, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for historic preservation purposes, for the restoration of wood, trim and paint on the Cushing Center at 673 Main Street for historic preservation. This project will be under the jurisdiction of the Cushing Center Board of Directors with final overview by the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE NO. 37: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by David Osborne, Conservation member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund FY13 revenues the sum of \$20,000, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for open space purpose for updating of the Town of Norwell's Open Space Plan. This project will be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission with final overview by the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE NO. 38: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Patricia M. Richardson, Recreation Commission member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the town vote to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund FY 13 revenues the sum of \$28,715, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for recreation purposes, for the purpose of surveying, engineering, and lot delineation for the property located at Assessor's Map 53-35 and 53-50 for the future purpose of recreation for the Town. Said property was purchased for \$250,000 in 2009 for recreational purposes. This project will be under the direction of the Town Administrator with input from the Recreation Department and overview by the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE NO. 39: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Charles Markham, Community Preservation member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, to reserve the sum of \$100,000 from FY 2013 revenues for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; and to reserve the sum of \$51,285 from FY 2013 revenues for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space.

ARTICLE NO. 41: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gertrude Daneau, Cemetery Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from the Norwell Cemetery Sale of lots Fund the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of computerizing the records of the Norwell Cemetery Committee and for the mapping of the Washington Street and Stetson Meadows cemeteries and any unexpended funds transferred to this article from the Norwell Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to be returned to said fund.

ARTICLE NO. 42: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Patricia Richardson, Recreation Commission member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to amend the Town's Affordable Housing Trust By-law as passed in Article 41 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 15, 2007 as written in the Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 43: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Donald Mauch, 296 Main Street; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to amend Article XV of the Town of Norwell By-Laws, Rules and regulations, by adding a new Section 17, "Storage of Construction Machinery" as written in the Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 45: Majority Vote required

A motion was made by James Boudreau, Town Administrator; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 45.

ARTICLE NO. 46: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Patricia Bordewieck, 49 Green St., it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 to contract with South Shore Women's Resources center for Domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

ARTICLE NO. 47: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 10 to accept Laurelwood Drive as a public way.

ARTICLE NO. 48: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 48.

ARTICLE NO. 49: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 49.

At approximately 10:30 pm a motion was made by William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until Monday, May 21, 2012

MINUTES OF AJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN METTING, MONDAY MAY 21, 2012

Voters received yellow authority cards for this evenings hand count votes and Pink and Gold YES/NO slips to vote for the two Secret Ballot Articles.

Denise Nestor and Lynne Rose stood by the ballot boxes during the vote for Article 9 and Article 13. The Constable escorted them to the room behind the stage to count the total YES votes and the total NO votes then gave the Town Clerk the results on a signed piece of paper.

At 7:35 pm, Moderator called the meeting to order and welcomed the Towns new Selectman, David DeCoste, who was Elected at the Annual Town Election on May 19, 2012 and also thanked John Mariano for his many long years of service to the town.

There was a line of voters still checking in so the moderator made a motion to start the meeting with Article 4, then return to Article 2 and 3 when the voters finished checking in , and for Roger Hughes to step in as temporary Moderator during the School budget vote it was seconded and the following actions were taken:.

ARTICLE NO. 4: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, said sum to be apportioned by the Town Accountant to the applicable line items in Article 2.

ARTICLE NO. 5: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by James Boudreau, Town Administrator; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,000 and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$15,000 from free cash and transfer the sum of \$4,000 from water revenues to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan, said sum to be apportioned by the Town Accountant to the applicable line items in Article 2.

ARTICLE NO. 7: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$35,000 from free cash to fund the cost of an Investment Grade Energy Audit for all Town buildings with the intent of pursuing an Energy Management Services Contract(ESCO) under MGL Chapter 25A Section 11 i.

ARTICLE NO: 8. Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of conducting a town wide assessment of all municipal buildings to determine, including but not limited to, the physical condition of the building and the condition of the major physical systems in said building and to provide the Town with a comprehensive report on each facility including recommended schedule for capital needs and/or replacement of the facility.

ARTICLE NO. 2: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Timothy Green, Advisory Board Chairman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,471,366 as set forth in the "Advisory Board Recommends" column under Article 2 to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and to meet said appropriations, transfer the sum of \$150,000 from Water Surplus, transfer the sum of \$53,000 from Community Preservation Fund revenues, transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Wetlands Protection Fund, transfer the sum of \$4,100 from the Waterways Fund, transfer \$122,379 from the reserve for Excluded Debt, and the sum of \$43,254,266 to be raised from taxation.

A motion was made by Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Library Trustee Chair., it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to amend Article 2 to increase line 2-165 from \$269,356 to \$275,293 and to increase line 2-289 from \$147,450 to \$148,350 said additional \$6,837 to be raised and appropriated by the town from Taxation.

The total sum to raise and appropriate in Article 2 is \$43,478,203.

A motion was made by Kirsten Warendorf, School Committee member, it was seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED not to reconsider Article 2.

ARTICLE NO. 3: a motion was made by Jason Brown, Capital Budget member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$283,216 for Capital outlay as set forth in the '2013 Advisory Board Recommends' column and to meet said appropriation transfer \$262,216 from free cash and transfer \$21,000 from water surplus.

ARTICLE NO. 9: 2/3RD SECRET BALOT Required

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and the 2/3rd Secret Ballot vote was as follows:

YES: 498 NO: 29 (351 NEEDED TO PASS) VOTED to borrow the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase and installation of integrated, cloud-based financial software for the Town, and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum of money under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 928) or any other enabling authority.

ARTICLE NO. 11: A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$16,013 for the purpose of funding sick-leave by-back and unused vacation.

ARTICLE NO. 12: A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to establish the position of Human Resource Director, and said position to be under the direction of the Selectmen/Town Administrator, and to be employed under the provisions of a personal service contract.

ARTICLE NO. 13: 2/3rd SECRET BALLOT Required

A motion was made by Amy Koch, School Committee member; it was seconded and a 2/3rd Secret ballot vote was as follows:

YES: 418 NO: 34 (301 NEEDED TO PASS) voted to borrow the sum of \$301,500 to purchase technology hardware, equipment and software for the School Department and to pay all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet said appropriation authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum of money under the provisions of Massachusetts General laws Chapter 44, Section 7 (28) or any other enabling authority.

ARTICLE NO. 14: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Brian Noble, School Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$57,100 for the purpose of repairing drainage and infrastructure and paving or re-paving the parking lot known as the ‘Staff & Visitor Parking Lot’ at Norwell High School.

ARTICLE NO. 15: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Brian Noble, School Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$42,000 for the purpose of repairing drainage and infrastructure and paving or re-paving the parking lot known as the “student drop Off lot” at Norwell High School.

ARTICLE NO. 18: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$200,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for resurfacing and related construction/maintenance of Town Ways.

ARTICLE NO. 19: a MOTION WAS MADE BY Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$447,054 in anticipation of Full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90, Acts of 2008, one apportionment, for State and Highway purpose under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2 (A). work on highways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to temporarily borrow said sum.

ARTICLE NO. 20: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 20.

ARTICLE NO. 21: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with EPS’S 2012 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit.

ARTICLE NO. 22: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the resurfacing of the Town of Norwell Tree & Grounds Department yard.

ARTICLE NO. 23; Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 23.

ARTICLE NO. 24: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Frederick St. Ours, Water Commissioner; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer from water surplus the sum of \$150,000 to be expended under the direction of the board of water Commissioners for the purpose of conducting water system facilities maintenance and upgrades.

ARTICLE NO. 26: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Susan Kirby, Assessor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to transfer the sum of \$38,000 from overlay surplus for the purpose of continuing to provide a senior Real Estate Tax Work Program established pursuant to an agreement with the Council on Aging, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors.

ARTICLE NO. 32: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to be expended under the direction of the permanent Drainage Study Committee and the Highway Surveyor for engineering, installation and or maintenance of Town drainage.

ARTICLE NO. 40: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Joanne Dirk, Recycling Committee member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$14,000 to be expended under the direction of the Recycling Committee for the care and maintenance of the brush pile located at the Recycling Center.

ARTICLE NO. 44: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Patricia Bordewieck, 49 Green Street; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

ARTICLE NO. 46: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to change the purpose of the Excluded Debt Service Stabilization Fund to a capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL. Chapter 40, Section 5B for the purpose of reserving funds for capital expenditures and to transfer the sum of \$400,000 from overlay surplus to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE NO. 47: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000 to be deposited into the Town's OPEB trust Fund to offset future costs of retired employee health insurance.

ARTICLE NO. 48: Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by James Boudreau, Town Administrator; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 48.

ARTICLE NO. 49:

A motion was made by James Boudreau, Town Administrator; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 49.

SALE OF FISH RIGHTS

First Right sold to Joseph McGlinchey, 260 River Street for \$300.00

Second Right sold to Scott Almeida, 24 R. F. Higgins Drive for \$300.00

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made, seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Patricia M. Anderson
Norwell Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 7, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF VOTES

<u>Article No:</u>	<u>AMOUNT VOTED</u>	<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>
Article No. 1	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	---
Article No. 2	\$140,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 3	\$ 35,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 4	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	---
Article No. 5	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	—
Article No. 6	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	—
Article No. 7	\$ 76,253.00	Acct.#37-220-2750-6121 Article 15-ATM, 5/1998
	\$ 6,597.00	Acct.#38-122-2780-6107 Article 3-ATM, 5/2006
	<u>\$22,900.00</u>	Acct.#38-122-2781-6107
Total amt.	\$105,750.00	Article 3-ATM, 5/2006
Article No. 8	\$120,000.00	CPC-Open Space purposes CPC Fund Balance
	<u>\$170,000.00</u>	CPC-Historic Preservation
Total amt.	\$290,000.00	purposes Reserve for Historic Resources
Article No. 9	INDIFINTELY POSTPONED	—

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST
Patricia M. Anderson
Norwell Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 7, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF VOTES
ARTICLES NO. 3 THROUGH ARTICLE NO. 49

<u>ARTICLE NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT VOTED</u>	<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>
Article No. 3	\$ 262,216.00	Free Cash

	<u>\$ 21,000.00</u> \$283,216.00	Water Surplus
Article No. 4	\$100,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 5	\$ 15,000.00 <u>\$ 4,000.00</u> \$ 19,000.00	Free Cash Water Revenues
Article No. 6	—	----
Article No. 7	\$ 35,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 8	\$ 75,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 9	\$250,000.00	Borrowing
Article No. 10	—	----
Article No. 11	\$ 16,013.00	Free Cash
Article No. 12	—	—
Article No. 13	\$301,500.00	Borrowing
Article No. 14	\$ 57,100.00	Free Cash
Article No. 15	\$ 42,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 16	—	—
Article No. 17	—	—
Article No. 18	\$200,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 19	\$447,054.00	Borrowing
Article No. 20	Indefinitely Postponed	
Article No. 21	\$ 30,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 22	\$ 25,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 23	Indefinitely Postponed	
Article No. 24	\$150,000.00	Water Surplus
Article No. 25	\$ 50,000.00	Water Surplus
Article No. 26	\$ 38,000.00	Overlay Surplus
Article No. 27	—	—
Article No. 28	—	—

Article No. 29	INDEFINITELY POSTPONE	
Article No. 30	—	—
Article No. 31	—	—
Article No. 32	\$ 25,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 33	\$ 21,000.00	Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund
Article No. 34	\$ 64,000.00	Community preservation Fund Historic Preservation Purpose
Article No. 35	\$ 1,750.00	Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Purpose
Article No. 36	\$ 75,000.00	Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Purpose
Article No. 37	\$ 20,000.00	Community Preservation Fund Open Space Purpose
Article No. 38	\$ 28,715.00	Community Preservation Fund Recreation Purposes
Article No. 39	\$ 100,000.00	Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Purpose
	\$ 51,285.00	Open Space Purpose
Article No. 40	\$ 14,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 41	\$ 20,000.00	Norwell Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund
Article No. 42	—	—
Article No. 43	—	—
Article No. 44	\$ 4,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 45	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	
Article No. 46	\$ 400,000.00	Overly Surplus
Article No. 47	\$ 200,000.00	Free Cash
Article No. 48	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	
Article No. 49	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED	

FISH RIGHT:

First Right \$300.00 Joseph McGlinchey, to General Fund

Second Right \$300.00 Scott Almeida, to General Fund

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST
Patricia M. Anderson
Norwell Town Clerk

<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF ARTICLE 2 OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, May 21, 2012 (After SPECIAL TOWN MEETING)</p>
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ITEM NO:	AMOUNT VOTED	FUNDING SOURCE
113 – TOWN MT. & ELECTION		
2-106 Salaries	\$ 14,207.00	
2-208 Expenses	<u>\$ 16,600.00</u>	
Total: Town Meeting & Election	\$ 30,807.00	Raise & Appropriate
114 - MODERATOR		
2-104 Moderator's Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>	---
Total: Moderator	\$ 0	---
122 – SELECTMEN		
2-101 Bd. Member's Salaries	\$ 0	
2-102 Town Administrator Salary	\$ 131,500.00	
2-103 Clerical Salaries/ADA	\$ 132,906.00	Held/Discussed/Voted
2-200 Court Judgements	---	----
2-201 Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 16,350.00	
2-205 Care Veteran's Graves	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	
Total: Board of Selectmen	\$ 281,956.00	Raise & Appropriate
131 – ADVISORY BOARD		
2-105 Advisory Clerical	\$ 0	---
2-305 Advisory Expenses	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total: Advisory Board	\$ 500.00	Raise & Appropriate
132 – RESERVE FUND		
2-207 Reserve Fund	\$ 200,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
135 - ACCOUNTING		
Accountant Salary	\$ 86,000.00	
2-115 Salaries	\$ 85,907.00	
2-202 Expenses	<u>\$ 41,343.00</u>	
Total: Accounting	\$ 213,250.00	Raise & Appropriate
141 - ASSESSORS		
2-109 Bd. Members' Salaries'	\$ 0	
Asst. Assessor/App Salary	\$ 67,526.00	
2-110 Clerical Salaries	\$ 45,500.00	
2-211 General Expenses	\$ 10,625.00	
2-212 Reval/App. Expenses	<u>\$ 10,500.00</u>	
Total: Assessors	\$ 134,151.00	Raise & Appropriate
145 – TREAS./COLLECTOR		
2-111 Treasurer/Collector Salaries	\$ 83,500.00	
2-112 Clerical Salaries	\$ 149,729.00	
2-168 Bonding Costs	\$ 25,000.00	
2-213 General Expenses	\$ 66,963.00	
2-214 Tax Liens Expenses	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	
Total: Treasurer/Collector	\$ 333,192.00	Raise & Appropriate
151 – LEGAL SERVICES		
2-216 Legal Expenses	\$ 100,000.00	Raise & Appropriate

2-218	Settlement/Claims	\$	0	
2-295	Union Negotiations	\$	0	
	Total: Legal Services	\$	100,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
	152 – PERSONNEL BOARD			
2-116	Salary & Wages	\$	0	
	General Expenses	\$	<u>500.00</u>	
	Total: Personnel Board	\$	500.00	Raise & Appropriate
	155 – CENTRAL COMPUTER			
2-222	Central Computer Expenses	\$	110,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
	161 – TOWN CLERK			
2-113	Town Clerk Salary	\$	67,819.00	
2-114	Clerical Salaries	\$	53,327.00	
2-215	General Expenses	\$	<u>5,600.00</u>	
	Total: Town Clerk	\$	126,746.00	Raise & Appropriate
	163 – BOARD OF REGISTRARS			
2-107	Clerk of Board Salary	\$	450.00	
2-108	Registrars' Clerical	\$	0	
2-209	Registrars' Expenses	\$	<u>4,700.00</u>	
	Total: Board of Registrars	\$	5,150.00	Raise & Appropriate
	171 – CONSERVATION COMM.			
2-154	Conservation Clerical	\$	19,700.00	
2-155	Conservation Agent's Salary	\$	56,479.00	
2-278	Conservation General Exp.	\$	7,800.00	
2-280	Conservation Fund		<u>0</u>	
	Total: Conservation	\$	83,979.00	Raise & Appropriate
	175 – PLANNING BOARD			
2-120	Town Planner	\$	63,914.00	
2-110	Planning Board. Clerical	\$	19,700.00	
2-211	Planning Bd. General Exp.	\$	<u>4,590.00</u>	
	Total: Planning Board	\$	88,204.00	Raise & Appropriate
	176 – BOARD OF APPEALS			
2-119	Salary & Wage		0	
2-223	Genersl Expenses	\$	<u>1,810.00</u>	
	Total: Board of Appeals	\$	1,810.00	Raise & Appropriate
	177 – DESIGN REVIEW BD.			
2-117	Design Review Clerical	\$	---	
2-220	Design Review General Exp.	\$	<u>---</u>	
	Total: Design Review Board	\$	---	Raise & Appropriate
	190 – COMM. ON DISABILITIES			
2-294	General Expenses	\$	<u>3,000.00</u>	
	Total: Comm. On Disabilities	\$	3,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
	191 – CUSHING MEMORIAL			
2-175	Cushing Memorial Payroll	\$	29,745.00	
2-203	Cushing Memorial Expenses		<u>31,063.00</u>	
	Total: Cushing Memorial	\$	60,808.00	Raise & Appropriate
	192 – TOWN HALL			
2-123	Custodians' Salaries	\$	34,724.00	
2-220	Town Hall General Expenses	\$	<u>86,050.00</u>	
	Total: Town Hall Expenses	\$	120,774.00	\$ 86,050.00 \$ 119,552.00
	193 – P.B.M.C.			
2-169	Clerical Salaries		0	
2-226	P.B.M.C. Expenses	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	Total: P.B.M.C.	\$	1,000.00	<u>Raise & Appropriate</u>
	194 – Community Preservation			
2-237	Clerical Salaries	\$	8,000.00	
2-305	Expenses	\$	<u>45,000.00</u>	
	Total: Community Preservation	\$	53,000.00	Held/Discussed/Voted Raise & Appropriate
	195-Town Reports			

2-210	Town Reports	\$	7,500.00	Raise & Appropriate
	199-BEAUTIFICATION			
2-204	Expenses	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>	
	Total: Beautification	\$	2,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
	210-POLICE DEPARTMENT			
2-125	Police Chief's Salary	\$	106,100.00	
	Deputy Chief Salary	\$	90,490.00	Held/Discussed/Voted
2-126	Police Officers' Pay	\$	1,658,879.00	
	2-128 Police Other Payroll	\$	57,983.00	
2-169	Clerical	\$	233,643.00	Held/Discussed/Voted
2-235	Police General Expense	\$	203,496.00	Held/Discussed/Voted
2-236	Police Cruiser Expenses	\$	82,000.00	Held/Discussed/Voted
2-237	Other Town Vehicles Gas	\$	0	
	Total: Police Department	\$	2,432,591.00	Raise & Appropriate
	220-FIRE DEPARTMENT			
2-129	Fire Chief's Salary	\$	96,100.00	
2-130	Perm. Firefighters' Payroll	\$	1,572,365.00	
2-132	Call Fire payroll	\$	14,668.00	
2-169	Fire Department Clerical	\$	38,357.00	
2-238	Fire Department General Expense	\$	138,700.00	
2-240	Call Fire General Expenses	\$	<u>15,700.00</u>	
	Total: Fire Department	\$	1,875,890.00	Raise & Appropriate
	231-AMBULANCE SERVICE			
2-133	Ambulance Payroll	\$	0	
2-241	Ambulance General Exp.	\$	52,233.00	
2-242	Unmanned Ambulance Exp.	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>	
	Total: Ambulance	\$	53,733.00	Raise & Appropriate
	241-BUILDING INSPECTOR			
2-138	Building/Zoning Clerical	\$	42,083.00	
2-139	Building/Zoning/ADA Inspector	\$	66,709.00	
2-140	Inspector Fees	\$	45,500.00	
2-249	General Expenses	\$	<u>10,900.00</u>	
	Total: Inspections	\$	165,192.00	Raise & Appropriate
	244-SEALER WGHTS/MEASURES			
2-142	Sealer Wgths/Meas. Salary	\$	6,262.00	
2-252	General Expenses	\$	<u>1,515.00</u>	
	Total: Weights & Measures	\$	7,777.00	
	290-EMERGENCY COMM			
2-134	Emergency Comm. Payroll			
2-243	Emergency Comm. Expense			
	Regional dispatch	\$	<u>240,000.00</u>	
	Total: Emergency Comm.	\$	240,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
	291-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
	Salaries	\$	1,000.00	
	Expense	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	Total: Civil Defense	\$	2000.00	Raise & Appropriate
	292-ANIMAL CONTROL			
2-144	Animal Control Payroll	\$	7,500.00	
2-255	General Expenses	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	Total: Animal Control	\$	8,500.00	Raise & Appropriate
	295-HARBORMASTER			--
2-188	Harbormaster Salary	\$	5,202.00	Raise & Appropriate
2-200	Harbormaster Expense	\$	<u>3,600.00</u>	Raise & Appropriate
	Total: Harbormaster	\$	8,802.00	
	301-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
2-200	School Budget	\$	22,157,749.00	Held/Discussed/Voted
	Transportation		---	----
	Total: Norwell School Budget	\$	22,157,749.00	Raise & Appropriate

390-SO. SH. REG'L SCHOOL			
2-264	Regional School Assessment	\$ 120,511.00	Raise & Appropriate
420-HIGHWAY DEPT.			
2-146	Highway Surveyor's Salary	\$ 48,096.00	
2-147	Highway Dept. Payrolls	\$ 264,752.00	
2-149	Highway Department Clerical	\$ 44,745.00	
2-265	Highway Out-Of-State Travel	\$ 0	
2-266	Highway General Expenses	\$ 67,986.00	
2-267	Highway Signs & Road Marking	\$ 41,000.00	
2-268	Snow Removal & Sanding	\$ 175,000.00	
2-269	Operation & Maint. Of Equip.	\$ 23,200.00	
2-270	Highway Town Gasoline	\$ 165,000.00	
2-271	Highway Water Services	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	
	Total: Highway	\$ 835,779.00	Raise & Appropriate
421-Tree & Grounds			
2-135	Tree Director's Salary	\$ 48,096.00	
2-136	Tree Department Payrolls	\$ 247,389.00	
2-244	General Expenses	\$ 88,378.00	
2-245	Tree Insect Control	\$ 1,000.00	
2-248	Tree Cemetery Care	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	
	Total: Tree & Grounds	\$ 386,863.00	Raise & Appropriate
424-STREET LIGHTING			
2-272	Total: Street Lights Expense	\$ 76,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
439-RECYCLING COMMITTEE			
2-173	Other Expenses	<u>\$ 17,000.00</u>	
	Total: Recycling Committee	\$ 17,000.00	Raise & Appropriate
450- WATER DEPARTMENT			
2-148	Superintendent	\$ 90,972.00	
2-150	Treatment Manager	\$ 58,338.00	
2-151	Water Commissionrs' Salary	\$ 0	
2-152	Water Clerical	\$ 82,677.00	
2-153	Water Payrolls	\$ 264,381.00	
2-274	Water General Expenses	\$ 619,175.00	
2-275	Water Well Cleaning	\$ 15,000.00	
2-276	Indirect Expenses	<u>0</u>	
	Total: Water Department	\$ 1,130,543.00	Raise & Appropriate
491-TOWN CEMETERY			
	Cemetery Salaries	\$ 4,800.00	
2-288	Washington St. Cem. Expense	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	
	Total: Town Cemetery	\$ 6,800.00	Raise & Appropriate
512-BOARD OF HEALTH			
2-156	Board Members' Salaries	\$ 0	
2-157	Health Agent Salary	\$ 72,720.00	
2-158	Health Clerical	\$ 42,183.00	
2-279	Hazardous Waste	\$ 7,500.00	
2-281	General Expenses	\$ 49,600.00	
2-282	Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 626,300.00	
2-283	Health Landfill Maintenance	<u>\$ 0</u>	
	Total: Board of Health	\$ 798,303.00	Raise & Appropriate
541-COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Director Salary	\$ 84,252.00	
2-160	Council on Aging Payroll	\$ 107,575.00	
2-284	General Expenses	<u>\$ 22,107.00</u>	
	Total: Council on Aging	\$ 213,934.00	Raise & Appropriate
543-VETERANS' EXP.			
2-161	Veterans' Agent Salary	\$ 4,245.00	
2-162	Vets. Service Officer's Salary	\$ 3,987.00	
2-285	Veterans' General Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
2-286	Veterans' Benefits	\$ 10,000.00	
2-287	Memorial Day Expenses	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>	
	Total: Veterans	\$ 20,632.00	Raise & Appropriate
610-LIBRARY			
2-164	Library Director's Salary	\$ 83,952.00	

2-165	Library Payroll	\$	275,293.00		Held/Amended/Voted
2-177	Old Colony Network	\$	30,000.00		
2-289	Library General Expenses	\$	<u>148,350.00</u>		Held/Amended/Voted
	Total: Library	\$	537,592.00	Raise & Appropriate	
	630-RECREATION DEPT.				
2-166	Recreation Supt. Salary	\$	72,920.00		
2-167	Recreation Payroll	\$	0		
2-290	Recreation General Expenses	\$	<u>0</u>		
	Total: Recreation	\$	72,920.00	Raise & Appropriate	
	691-MASS. HISTORICAL				
2-277	Historical Comm. General Exp.	\$	<u>4,000.00</u>		
	Total: Mass Historical	\$	4,000.00	Raise & Appropriate	
	710-DEBT. RETIREMENT				
2-168	Borrowing Costs	\$	0		
	Water Bonds				
2-292	Principal - Town	\$	433,662.00		
2-363	Water	\$	220,000.00	Raise & Appropriate	
	751-INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT.				
2-293	Interest - Town	\$	80,178.00		
2-364	Water	\$	<u>36,088.00</u>		
	Total: Under Levy Debt Service	\$	769,928.00	<u>Raise & Appropriate</u>	
	710-DEBT. EXCLUSION				
2-365	Vinal, Cole & High School Interest	\$	340,850.00		
2-365	Vinal, Cole & High School School Principal	\$	545,000.00		
2-366	Middle School Interest	\$	434,663.00		
2-365	Middle School Principal	\$	<u>865,000.00</u>		
	Total: Debt Exclusion	\$	2,185,513.00		
	911-PENSIONS				
2-227	Plymouth County Ret. Fund	\$	<u>1,805,534.00</u>		
2-228	Non-Contrib. pensions		---		
	Total: Pensions	\$	1,805,534.00		
	913-UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.				
2-229	Unemployment Comp.	\$	40,000.00		
	914, 915, 916-GROUP INSURANCE				
2-230	Group Insurance	\$	5,158,662.00		
	945-TOWN INSURANCE				
2-231	Town Insurance	\$	386,925.00		
2-232	Ins. Advis. Comm. Expenses	\$	<u>200.00</u>		
	Total: Town Insurance	\$	387,925.00		
	TOTAL BUDGET ARTICLE No: 2	\$			
	Community Preservation Fund	\$	43,000.00		
	Wetlands Protection Fund	\$	10,000.00		
	Free Cash	\$	600,000.00		
	Overlay Surplus	\$	300,000.00		
	Water Surplus	\$	100,000.00		
	Reserve for Excluded Debt	\$	124,806.00		
	Waterways Fund	\$	2,500.00		
	Waterways Fund	\$	500.00		
	Raised from Taxation	\$	39,259,303.00		
		\$	<u>19,579.00</u>		
	A TRUE COPY ATTEST		\$39,278,882.00		
	Patricia M. Anderson				
	Norwell Town Clerk				

RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
Thursday, September 6, 2012

At 7:00 am on Thursday, September 6, 2012, the polls opened at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, for all eligible voters to cast their votes for their candidates.

Several of the Election Workers set up their precincts the night before the election so that when the polls opened at 7:00 AM they were prepared.

Pursuant to the Warrant, eligible voters from Precinct One, Two and Three met at the Norwell Middle School to cast their votes.

The following election workers were present:

In Precinct I, Carolyn Maclellan, WARDEN; Joyanne Bond, CLERK; Priscilla Burgess, John Carnes, Ellen Torrey and Barbara Vitale as TELLERS.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN; Mildred Donahue, CLERK; Sharon Ducey, Roslyn Wiseman, Judith Kelly and Paula Young as TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Eleanor Bailey, WARDEN; Maureen Robinson, Clerk; Catherine Rahman, Jeanne Scothorne, Judith Enright and Maureen Murphy as TELLERS.

Constable Michael C. Moore was present for all three Precincts.

Police detail present were: DS Don Buckley and Conor Flynn, MPD
Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson, was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all precincts promptly at 7:00 AM and closed at 8:00 pm. Tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the office of the Town Clerk where the tally was made and publicly announced.

The number of votes cast in each precinct were as follows:

Precinct I, 246 votes cast.

In Precinct I, 151 Democratic ballots were cast; 95 Republican ballots were cast; and 0 Green-Rainbow ballots.

Precinct II, 249 votes cast.

In Precinct II, 117 Democratic ballots were cast; 132 Republican ballots were cast; and 0 Green-Rainbow ballots.

Precinct III, 336 votes cast.

In Precinct III, 221 Democratic ballots were cast; 115 Republican ballots were cast; and 0 Green-Rainbow ballots.

Total votes cast in all precincts were 831. Of the 7276 registered voters eligible to vote at this Election 11% cast their vote.

Tallying during open meeting at the Town Clerk's office resulted in the following count:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY**PREC. I****PREC. II****PREC. III****SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One**

Elizabeth A. Warren	129	103	188
Write-ins	1	1	3
Blanks	21	13	30

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS-Ninth District-Vote for One

William Richard Keating	121	87	179
C. Samuel Sutter	27	29	33
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	3	1	9

COUNCILLOR-Fourth District-Vote for One

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	80	67	119
Stephen F. Flynn	58	36	74
Write-ins	1	0	0
Blanks	12	14	28

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Plymouth & Norfolk District- Vote for One

Genevieve S. Davis	126	105	193
Steve May	16	4	14
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	9	8	14

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT-Fifth Plymouth District- Vote for One

Rhonda L. Nyman	137	97	192
Write-ins	0	0	3
Blanks	14	20	26

CLERK OF COURTS-Plymouth County-Vote for One

Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	120	83	178
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	31	34	43

REGISTRY OF DEEDS-Plymouth District-Vote for One

John R. Buckley, Jr.	123	83	175
Write-ins	0	0	1
Blanks	28	34	45

COUNTY COMMISSIONER -Plymouth County- Vote for not more than TWO

Greg Hanley	117	82	176
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	185	151	265

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY**SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One**

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS-Ninth District-Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR-Fourth District-Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Plymouth & Norfolk District- Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT-Fifth Plymouth District- Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

CLERK OF COURTS-Plymouth County-Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS-Plymouth District-Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Plymouth County- Vote for not more than TWO

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

REPUBLICAN PARTY**SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One**

Scott P. Brown	92	131	115
Write-ins	1	0	0
Blanks	2	1	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS-Ninth District-Vote for One

Adams G. Chaprales	28	20	19
Christopher Sheldon	59	97	86
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	8	15	10

COUNCILLOR-Fourth District-Vote for one

Write-ins	23	19	22
Blanks	72	113	

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Plymouth & Norfolk District- Vote for One

Robert L. Hedlund, Jr.	88	123	104
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	7	9	11

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT-Fifth Plymouth District- Vote for One

Korey M. Welch	77	102	96
Write-ins	1	0	0
Blanks	17	30	19

CLERK OF COURTS-Plymouth District-Vote for One

Write-ins	25	15	18
Blanks	70	117	97

REGISTER OF DEEDS-Plymouth District-Vote for One

Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr.	78	98	95
Write-ins	0	1	0
Blanks	17	33	20

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Plymouth County- Vote for not more than TWO

Daniel A. Pallotta	83	100	94
Write-ins	2	0	0
Blanks	105	164	136

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
PATRICIA M. ANDERSON
Norwell Town Clerk
Election Administrator

**RECORD OF STATE ELECTION
Tuesday, November 6, 2012**

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, the polls opened at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, for all eligible voters to cast their votes for their candidates from nine offices and three questions listed on the ballot.

This was the first time in many years that the School Department was in session for Election Day. The highway yard was used for teacher parking and cars also were parked on the front lawn of the Sparrell/School Administration building. There were two police officers present during the polling hours, they were Cohasset police officers Dennis Cuniff and Plymouth County Sheriff Deputy Brendan Connell. one, to direct traffic in and out of Main Street, the second officer to direct voters to their parking place , and to make sure there was no campaigning 150 from the polling location.

A training session for the Election Workers was held on October 4, 2012, in the Osborn Room of the Town Offices. Twenty Two Poll Workers signed in for this session.

Several of the Election Workers set up their Precincts the night before the election so that when the polls opened at 7:00 AM they were prepared for the line of voters. Many voters remarked on how smooth the election went.

It could not have happened without the devoted hard work of all the election workers and the coordination from Supervisor of Custodians and Facilities, Mike Jenkins and his staff, and Judy Crooks and staff from the School Food Services.

The following election workers were present:

In PRECINCT I, Carolyn MacLellan, WARDEN; Joyanne Bond, CLERK; Frank Nagle, Patricia Dolan, Nancy Joseph, Ellen Torrey, John F. Carnes, Jr., John Holmes, Barbara Cain, Paula Young and Patricia Rice, TELLERS.

In PRECINCT II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN, Jean Valicenti, CLERK, Judith Kelly, Anne Bussiere, Barbara Vitale, Helene Quinn, Ann McLeod, Rosemarie Mesheau, Anne C. Murphy, Maureen Murphy and Sharon Ducey, TELLERS.

In PRECINCT III, Maureen Robinson, WARDEN, Eleanor Bailey, CLERK, Marilyn Knowles, Catherine Rahman, Mildred Donahue, Jeanne Scothorne, Kathleen Belyea, Roslyn Wiseman, Jeanne Cianciola, Peter Kates and Judy Volpe, TELLERS.

Michael Moore and Kevin Dalton served as CONSTABLES for the Three Precincts.

With written permission from their parents the following Norwell High School students took shifts from 7:00 am until the polls closed at 8:00 pm to direct voters to their Precincts:

Holly Weiler, Mary Gogarty, Emily Bernard, Margaret Hayes, Marissa Gratta, Julianne Mariano, Fran Bellofatto, Anna Barger, Alexis Hilson and Shirin Tehrani.

Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all Precincts at 7:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm. Tallies compiled in each of the three Precincts were brought to the office of the Town Clerk where the unofficial tally was made and publicly announced.

For the first time Norwell had qualified Absentee Voters who qualified for the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. (UOCAVA)

On November 19, 2012 at 10:00 am the Board of Registrars met in order to count any Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots to be added to the tally. Norwell received two (2).

The number of votes cast in each precinct was as follows:

Precinct I, 2078 votes cast
Precinct II 2210 votes cast
Precinct III 2222 votes cast

Total Votes cast in all precincts was 6510.

799 Absentee Ballots were applied. Out of 7509 Active Registered Voters an exceptionally high turnout of 87% participated in this Election.

Tallying resulted in the following count:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Prec. I</u>	<u>Prec. II</u>	<u>Prec.III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Johnson and Gray (L)	21	13	13	47
Obama and Biden (D)	910	896	923	2729
Romney and Ryan (R)	1124	1291	1273	3688
Stein and Honkala (J)	7	4	5	16
Write-ins	6	3	2	11
Blanks	10	3	6	19

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Scott P. Brown (R)	1320	1465	1468	4253
Elizabeth A. Warren (D)	750	739	796	2285
Write-ins	0	2	0	2
Blanks	8	4	8	20

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NINTH DISTRICT

William Richard Keating (D)	1021	1013	1037	3071
Christopher Sheldon (R)	819	989	950	2758
Daniel S. Botelho (Independent)	99	83	85	267
Write-ins	1	1	3	5
Blanks	138	124	147	409

COUNCILLOR**FOURTH DISTRICT**

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. (D)	1419	1341	1385	4145
Write-ins	18	35	23	76
Blanks	640	834	813	2287

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**PLYMOUTH & NORFOLK DISTRICT**

Robert L. Hedlund, Jr. (R)	1257	1383	1320	3960
Genevieve S. Davis (D)	686	691	760	2137
Write-ins	1	3	1	5
Blanks	133	133	140	406

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**FIFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**

Rhonda L. Nyman (D)	1007	992	1034	3033
Korey M. Welch (R)	919	1016	1016	2991
Write-ins	2	0	1	3
Blanks	149	163	170	481

CLERK OF COURTS**PLYMOUTH COUNTY**

Robert S. Creedon, Jr. (D)	1400	1324	1380	4104
Write-ins	13	23	21	57
Blanks	664	863	820	2347

REGISTER OF DEEDS**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**

John R. Buckley, Jr.	995	896	958	2849
Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr.	840	1014	971	2825
Write-ins	3	3	2	8
Blanks	239	297	290	826

COUNTY COMMISSIONER**PLYMOUTH COUNTY-Vote for not more the TWO**

Greg Hanley	720	702	700	2122
Daniel A. Pallotta	890	1028	979	2897
Maryanne Lewis	552	536	624	1712
Write-ins	7	4	3	14
Blanks	1984	2149	2134	6267

QUESTION ONE**Motor Vehicle Repair**

YES	1604	1754	1749	5107
NO	247	221	244	712
Blanks	226	230	228	684

QUESTION TWO**Terminally Ill-Right to Die**

YES	862	1075	1051	2988
NO	1165	1064	1091	3320
Blanks	50	71	79	200

QUESTION THREE

Medical use of Marijuana

YES	1150	1310	1311	3771
NO	878	836	840	2554
Blanks	49	64	70	183

A True Record Attest
Patricia M. Anderson
Norwell Town Clerk
Election Administrator

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

As of December 31, 2012, the population of Norwell was 11,060

As of December 31, 2012 a breakdown of voters was as follows:

*Democrat	1665
*Republican	1496
*Unenrolled	4321
*Green-Rainbow	6
**Libertarian	12
**Mass Independent Party	1
**Veteran Party America	1
TOTAL	7502
* Political Party	
** Political Designation	

Those voters registered in a Political Designation cannot vote in a State or Presidential Primary, but they can for all other elections.

Voters who are "Unenrolled" may choose whichever party they would like and remain "Unenrolled".

Extended Voter Registration hours were held twenty (20) days before State Elections, the Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting. Extended Voter Registration hours were also held for the Special Town Meeting ten (10) days before the meeting. On those particular dates the Town Clerk's office was open from 8 am until 8 pm.

Several Petitions and Nomination Papers were received for certification by the Board of Registrars for Elections and Town Meeting.

The requirement for registering to vote in Norwell, Massachusetts are: One must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Town, and at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next election.

Residents *cannot* register to vote on their Annual Town Census

One may register to vote or change their party affiliation at the Registry of Motor Vehicles or any other State Agency. Mail-in registration forms can also be obtained at the Norwell Post office, the Norwell Public Library and the Town Clerk's office.

If one moves from one address in town to another they must re-register to vote stating the new address.

The Board of Registrars and the Town Clerk are always looking for people to work at the polls, especially those residents registered in one of the Political Parties. If you are interested, kindly call the Town Clerk's office at 781-659-8072.

On May 11, 2012 a complaint filed by Mr. David C. Campbell of 40 Circuit St., and Mr. Albert Guild of 189 Tiffany Rd., challenging the residency of Mr. John G. Mariano's voter registration address. Mr. Mariano had taken out nomination papers for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. A subpoena was issued to Mr. Mariano for a hearing to be held by the Board of Registrars on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. At that time no sufficient facts were determined and voted by the Board of Registrars that Mr. Mariano's voter registration is valid in the Town of Norwell.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF REGISTRARS
Regina T. Giordani, Chair
Donald W. Hansen
Bruce S. Burgess
Patricia M. Anderson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BURIAL AGENT

The issuing of Burial Permits is one of the duties of the Town Clerk, who is appointed Burial Agent by the Board of Selectmen annually.

A Funeral Director may not bury or make any other disposition of a decedent without a Burial Permit. Therefore, it is a necessity for the Burial Agent to be accessible. The Town Clerk's office is open on Monday and Tuesday from 8 am until 4:15 pm; Wednesday, 8 am until 7:30 pm; Thursday, 8 am until 4 pm; and Friday 8 am until NOON.

Arrangements have been made with the Communications Center at Norwell Police Station, 40 River Street, for a Funeral Director, or his agent to obtain a Burial Permit on a holiday or a weekend if a satisfactory Death Certificate is received and retained.

The Town of Norwell issued 134 Burial Permits in 2012.

The cost of a Burial permit is \$10.00 and a certified copy of a Death Certificate is \$10.00

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Anderson
BURIAL AGENT

JURY LIST INFORMATION

Since 1986, Plymouth County towns have been included in the "ONEDAY/ONE TRIAL" jury system.

The names and address of ALL residents (not just registered voters) seventeen years of age and older are provided to the Jury Commissioner through the office of the Secretary of State, with prior permission of the Town Clerk, before June of each year (Chapter 234A, MGL.)

From this Prospective Juror list, which includes dates of births and occupations of all the names included, the Jury Commissioner prepares a randomly selected list by computer of names available for summoning for juror service to a jury-using court in your judicial district. The presence of one's name on the Prospective Juror List does not necessarily mean that person will be issued a juror summons. However, a person cannot be summonsed as a juror if his or her name does not appear on the Prospective Juror List.

Massachusetts's residents can now use a Web site to respond to jury summons. Prospective jurors can confirm their jury service, seek a disqualification or postponement, and even complete a confidential juror questionnaire online: www.massjury.com/juror.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Anderson
TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

On behalf of the Norwell Public Schools, I want to thank the Norwell community for their support in passing the recent Proposition 2 ½ Override.

Calendar year 2012 signaled significant transitions within public education. Mandates regarding new state-mandated curriculum in English and mathematics (referred to as the "Common Core"), as well as new and intricate regulations and procedures relative to evaluating and supervising teachers and administrators have impacted all public schools. Not since the 1994 Education Reform Law and the institution of yearly standardized testing (MCAS) have regulations been so broadly overhauled.

Thanks to the support of the Norwell community, the Proposition 2 ½ Override has allowed our Public Schools to move forward in many areas. Most of our very large class sizes have been addressed by the 17.8 teaching and support positions that have been added across our district's schools. The Middle School will have its highest number of students this year and next year. Although grade 6 classes remain high, we have completed the grades 7 and 8 academic teams, restored Foreign Language to grade 6, and provided targeted teaching in mathematics, technology, and physical education/health. The High School added one teacher per academic subject. These additions address student increases that had not been met and also help to prepare for the larger numbers moving through the Middle School. We have also addressed student support needs by hiring an additional Special Education Teacher, Guidance Counselor and District-wide Social Worker. The additional teacher and support positions have already made notable improvements. Teachers are spending more time teaching and supporting individual learning needs rather than managing large classrooms. There is a true sense of appreciation from the faculty and staff in knowing the community acknowledged their needs last May.

Also, we have developed and implemented a new curriculum adoption cycle that has allowed us to be strategic and cost-effective in the way we are managing both mandated changes. We are revising curriculum materials that were inadequate to meet the needs of our students. We are currently implementing new mathematics programs in grades PK-8 and new English materials in grades 6-12. Social Studies for grades 7-12 and High School math are in the process of review. Both are on target for new materials next year. In collaboration with the Education Association of Norwell (representing teachers' association), we are piloting the new Supervision and Evaluation regulations that, by mandate, will need to be fully adopted for the 2013-2014 school year. Additionally, mandated professional development has begun, and we will continue to address these mandates and many others that are on the horizon.

The Proposition 2 ½ Override has also fundamentally improved Norwell Public Schools' technology capabilities. We have been able to address the growing demands of our technology infrastructure. The technology infrastructure of Norwell High School and Norwell Middle School has been revitalized through improvements to Internet access speed, which was last addressed ten years ago. The Cole and Vinal Elementary Schools will be upgraded with a new technology infrastructure this coming summer. All of our classrooms have been transformed into 21st Century learning laboratories complete with interactive white boards, new software, and teacher workstations.

We have embarked on a 1:1 technology initiative by placing iPads in the hands of all grades 6-8 students. Next year grades 9 and 10 students will also have iPads and the cycle will continue until we complete grades 6-12. Currently our students are using these devices as technology tools. The iPads allow our students to use digital calendars and note taking programs. Students are benefiting from access to digital content from our textbooks and the Internet. Students and teachers are also experimenting with educational Apps that help to enhance the learning process. We will continue to expand the use of 21st Century skills through these devices in relation to content, collaboration, and presentations.

We are extremely grateful to the community for the opportunity to address the curriculum and technology requirements being placed upon public education. Our teachers and administrators take great pride in staying current with the latest in educational trends, movements, methodologies, and innovations and work hard to integrate this knowledge into thoughtful and responsible planning for the benefit of our students.

I am currently completing my first year as Superintendent of the Norwell Public Schools. I am very thankful to be involved with a strong Leadership Team, faculty and staff. I am grateful for the support of the School Committee and everyone at the Town Hall. I look forward to continuing the strong reputation of the Norwell Public Schools of academic excellence and placing students first.

As our motto states: *21st Century Schools for 21st Century Students*. With the support of the entire community, we will continue to take on the responsibility of preparing our students for their future.

Sincerely,
Matthew A. Keegan
Superintendent of Schools

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The South Shore School District is represented by eight appointed School Committee members from each town.

<i>Adele Leonard – Abington</i>	<i>Robert Molla – Norwell</i>
<i>Kenneth Thayer, Vice Chairman – Cohasset</i>	<i>Gerald Blake – Rockland</i>
<i>Robert Heywood – Hanover</i>	<i>John Manning, Chairman – Scituate</i>
<i>Christopher Amico – Hanson</i>	<i>Daniel Salvucci – Whitman</i>

During the 2012 year, the students of South Shore Vocational Technical High School continue to prosper as productive citizens in their community upon graduation. Over the past fifty years, South Shore students have been known for their technical skills and strong work ethic. As changing economic demands continue to be placed before our students, it is the duty of South Shore to provide the best possible vocational education.

South Shore was proud to complete work on the addition to the Norwell Council on Aging. Our Carpentry, Electrical and HVAC programs worked closely with town departments to complete the project.

On June 8, 2012, one graduate from Norwell received his diploma and vocational certificate at graduation ceremonies held at the South Shore Music Circus. The following student graduated:

Brian O'Leary

In 2012 we saw the retirements of our school nurse, Suzanne Thompson, as well as several teachers including Drafting teacher Ralph Guerra, Culinary teacher Vincent Carestia, and Special Education Coordinator Maureen Francis. We have moved Deborah Collins to the position of

Director of Vocational Education, Ellen Witter-Harrington is now our Director of Special Education, Colette Worrall is our new school nurse, and we have added a new HR Coordinator position filled by Holly Ditchfield.

As SSVT enters its 50th year of delivering vocational technical education to residents of our district, we remain committed to careful planning, coupled with a bold vision to providing the local and regional economy with students excited about learning, committed to hard work, and ready to become responsible citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Molla, Jr., Town Representative
South Shore Regional School District Committee

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2012

Tolu Omolade Adebajo	*Alandar Kathryn Detwiler	*Shealyn Rae Lonergan	George Riley Sheehan
*Daniel James Allen	Brian William Devilly	Meaghan Elizabeth Lynch	Katelyn Rose Sheehan
*Elizabeth Anne Allen	*James Fileno DiGregorio	*Talia Mei Macauley	Lawrence Charles Sheridan
*Ashley Elizabeth Allington	Thomas Patrick Driscoll	Michael Thomas MacGillvray	*Ashley Anne Siffland
*James Pollard Arnold	Brett Anthony Duche	Katherine Elizabeth Mahar	Ashley Amanda Silverberg
Patrick Gerard Barrett	*Meaghan Ann Dwyer	Andrew Francis Marrese	*Abigail Ruth Smith
Laura Thayer Barrett	Graham Lloyd Ferguson	*Jaclyn Veronica McBain	Catherine Kline Smith
Kiernan Michael Beal	*Colleen Rose Fitzgibbons	*Steven William McClelland	Leah Patricia Smith
Patrick Joseph Birmingham	*Ian Francis Flesner	*Peter Morton McDonald	James Joseph Solari
*Martha Joyce Bogaty	Gayle Andrea Foley	Martha Elizabeth McElroy	Liam Victor Spillane
*Kevin James Bougoulas	Kyle Flaherty Freeman	*Brendan Mark McGreenery	Catherine Ann Stack
*Harrison Drinker Brown	Craig Richard Frehill	Trey Anthony McLean-Lynch	Paul Joseph Stack
Breanne Alyssa Brown	Victoria Rose Gacicia	Matthew Alexander Michalkiewicz	Viktor George Stanley
Lauren Elizabeth Burke	Cormac Edward Garvey	Victoria Elizabeth Moore	Sean Flannery Staples
Christopher Jien-Fa Burns	Brianna Morgan Gentry	Brett Stephen Morgan	*Alexander James Titelbaum
*Christina Marie Burns	*Benjamin Clark Gordon	Mary Margaret Louise Murphy	David John Tobin
*Kathleen June Callahan	Aubrie Donalee Guertin	*Siobhan Julia Murphy	*Kelly Anne Traft
*Brittany Elizabeth Cannon	Amanda Kearns Harding	Cabot Jeffrey Noyce	Devin James Uhlman
*Megan Rose Carmody	Kelly Lynne Harrington	*Brendan Patrick O'Connor	Andrew John Umbrianna
Robert Joseph Carney	*Patrick Joseph Hathaway	*Sarah Jean Orleman	Darci Ann Vierra
Benjamin Gray Casey	Dennis Patrick Hearn	Ian Robert O'Shaughnessy	Nicholas John Volpe
*Diana Chen	Hugh William Hillstrand	Sean Thomas O'Sullivan	Lewis Thomas Vorderer
Julianne Constance Chessia	Stephanie Alexandra Howard	Alexander Grant Ouellet	William Todd Waters
Matthew Joseph Cibotti	Jordan Patrick Jenkins	Christian Anthony Palmariello	*Allison Christine Weiler
Paxton Nicole Colby	John August Jensen	Paul Gerard Parys	*Eliza Avery Westergard
Caitlin Eileen Collins	Laura Grace Kardock	*Frank Michael Patarino	Richard Tyler Westhaver
Nicholas James Comerford	John Francis Kearney	Racheal Louise Patroia	*Frank Sylveria White
Alexandria Marie Conti	Jessica Elizabeth Knudsen	Matthew Joseph Pederzani	Pearl Brooks Williams
Christina Marie Cronin	Dennis Peter Kulka	*Brianna Marie Perfetuo	Ryanne Michelle Williams
McKenzie Renee Cuniff	*Troy Alexander Laffin	Jacqueline Kathleen Perron	Madison Marie Willis
Sean Michael D'Ambrosia	Ashley Kate Lamoreaux	Zachary Haines Peterson	Brian Michael Wilson
Allison Rita DeBenedictis	Christopher Wray Largent	*Emily May Pickard	Emily Renee Winn
Joshua David Delaplain-Zook	Joshua Connor Lind	*Alicia Ann Reggiannini	Jeffrey Michael Wisneski
Tessa Claire DeMarco	Drew Christopher Linehan	*Joseph John Ricciuti	Zachary Nathaniel Wooten
Nicole Susan Dempsey	Michael Blake Liuzzi	George Everett Robbie	
Giuliana D'Esopo	Daniel James Lockwood	Julie Marie Roberts	<u>Certificate of Attendance</u>
			Grace Anne O'Hara

NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Norwell Public Library is a popular destination for all, a place to congregate, meet new friends and participate in an array of events and activities for all ages. The library offers opportunities for relaxation, socialization, study, game and puzzle-play, internet use, materials in print, audio and electronic format including our newest acquisition; Zinio an online magazine that allows users to read the latest magazine online without concerning themselves with a return date. Norwell prides itself in providing great schools for its students and a wonderful public library that fosters lifelong learning for all ages. Personal service is offered to each and every user who enters the library; from learning how to set up an email account, to figuring out their newest electronic device. For parents who want to get a head start in teaching reading skills to their preschooler professional librarians are happy to assist you in choosing the right book for your child. You will often see a business man or woman busy at work, and students receiving instruction from tutors.

Although the library is only 1.47% of the total town budget, a family of four can save \$6,936 a year by using their public library:

Monthly book savings: \$282

Monthly video and DVD savings \$48

Monthly program savings \$68

Monthly museum passes \$100

Monthly online database savings \$80

The library provides a variety of workshops, performances, author visits, and panel discussions all underwritten by the generous donations of the Norwell Friends of the Library. For example, Mama Steph, a music program for children was attended by 1,483 adoring fans this year. Other programs for children included: puppeteers, kids cooking, fashion design for teens, a Museum of Science electricity-themed program, live owls demonstration and professional storytellers, story times, Books and Bubbles for toddlers, all providing opportunities to foster early literacy that lays a foundation for reading. Adult programs included topics such as: Antique and Collectibles, Organizing, Michael Tougas (author), Murder in MA by historian Chris Daley, Bats (NE Wildlife), Hoarding, Independent movie nights, Scrabble, and Adult Book Discussion Group. In all, nearly 7,000 people attended programs this year.

NPL continues to collaborate with other community groups and departments. In 2012 the Norwell Reads Committee worked with the Council on Aging, Norwell Schools, the Norwell Fire Department, and residents. As always, the mission of Norwell Reads is to provide an opportunity for all residents to read the same book, and share ideas. This year the title was *Homer and Langley* by E.L. Doctorow, a fictionalized account of the famous Collyer brothers of turn-of-the-century New York City. The novel discusses their struggles with compulsive hoarding, which formed many of our planned programs, from dealing with mental illness to recycling, from organizing your life, scheduling your time, and even fire safety, with a visit from the Norwell Fire Department. We found that people who suffer from compulsive behavior disorders found several of our programs very helpful, one individual expressed relief in realizing she was not alone in combating her issues. Our panel discussion provided an opportunity for individuals to meet folks in a supportive environment.

With the high school, we spearheaded the presentation of "Race to Nowhere," a documentary film shown to a capacity audience of almost 500, sparking community conversation about stress in children and teens. The two "Literary Lunches" launched successfully at the Middle School are a direct outcome of the library-sponsored "Connecting Boys with Books" presentation two years ago. The Children's Librarian and Middle School Librarian will continue to develop and present these engaging "no strings attached" lunchtime sessions, at which sixth graders listen to stories read by town "celebrities."

More than ever libraries offer a gateway to opportunity. Over 130,465 people walked through our doors in 2012. Our museum passes were used 989 times; 18,488 (individual users) visited our website at least once. Even in this age of the Internet, reference services were utilized 5,000 times this year.

As a result of a town-wide survey changes have been implemented based on suggestions made by residents. A road side book drop was installed, the building was professionally cleaned, signage was improved to allow for easier navigation at the library, the website reflects suggestions as well.

Many thanks to Peter Kapolka, for his term in serving as library trustee and welcome to Mike Yee to the board. We would like to thank the board of Trustees for their support and dedication. The Library Board of Trustees: Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Henry Goldman, Christine Smith, Kathryn Mudgett, Sarah Summers and Michael Yee.

The Norwell Public Library appreciates the financial and advocacy role The Friends of The Norwell Public Library play in providing the library with needed building improvements, as well as their support in funding programs and museum passes. The Sponsor of the Month Program has proved to be successful, giving the business community an opportunity to support the library while publicizing their businesses. Many thanks to Chair Penny Wilson; Secretary Susannah Murphy; Vice Chair Karen Yee; Treasurer Tracy White; Membership Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald; Publicity Mary Cole; and Fred the Shed Chair Duane Haskell. The book shed was open hundreds of hours this past year thanks to our many dedicated helpers.

Our volunteers dedicate themselves to the library by coming in on a regular basis to assist with necessary tasks at the library. Many volunteers have worked at the library for many years out of a willingness to give back to the town. The Youth Library Council assists at many library programs, they serve as readers during the Summer Reading Program, and they are advisors for program and materials selection.

I would like to thank my wonderful staff without whom we could not accomplish the fine work we do. Our employees are often described as dedicated, helpful, pleasant, and friendly. Above all they are attentive to what our users want and need.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Consolo Freer

NORWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Norwell,

I hereby submit my seventh annual report to the Town as Chief of Police. 2012 was an active year for the Police Department. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the police department for their continued support and efforts. The entire department is comprised of dedicated professionals that you can be proud of. They all continue to provide exceptional service in a thorough and professional manner.

I would also like to thank our E911 Dispatchers Maureen Shirkus, Michael Brenton and Lead Supervisor Laurie Croke for their dedicated service. In March we moved our emergency dispatch operations from the Police Department over to the South Shore Regional Dispatch Center located in Hingham.

The department saw the retirements of Sergeant Dennis Lynch and Sergeant Rich Bosworth. We thank them for their years of dedicated service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

In an effort to immediately address staffing levels we accepted a lateral transfer from the Rockland Police Department. Officer Edward R. Phelps, an eleven year veteran, began working on July 01.

Our Detective division continues to be aggressive in the services they provide. Detective Bill Pasteris and Detective Jay McDevitt are members of the Old Colony Police Anti Crime task force (OCPAC). OCPAC is made up of Detectives from twelve area communities. OCPAC continues to recognize the need for a multi-agency approach to most effectively and efficiently combat crime and the problems associated with it. It allows for shared resources in the areas of personnel, vehicles, intelligence, and equipment to better protect the lives, safety, and property of the public. Detective William Pasteris recently completed Child Abduction Response Team (CART) training in Raleigh, North Carolina. The training was funded by the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (METROLEC). METROLEC is a consortium of over forty three local police and sheriff departments across Massachusetts. The goal is to work together to provide unique and highly specialized law enforcement resources to all of its member communities. Detective Pasteris is now part of the METROLEC CART team eligible to respond to any missing children investigations. Sergeant Tim O' Brien and Officer Ken Camerota are on the METROLEC Regional Response Team and Officer Bryan Resnick is on the METROLECT SWAT Team.

I would like to thank the Permanent Building and Maintenance Committee for their continued efforts in finding a new location for the Police Department. For over eight years they have been evaluating and recommending solutions so the department and Town can move forward. We are currently working on a proposal to bring to town meeting. The current Police Station located on River Street has mold, asbestos, lead and also presents serious health, privacy and safety concerns for all those that utilize the station and also your police officers that operate out of it twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty five days a year.

I would also like to especially thank my Administrative Assistant, Marion Kaskiewicz, for her outstanding effort and support in my role as Police Chief.

I would encourage you to visit our website at www.norwellpolice.com to find and about the variety of safety and crime prevention programs that we offer at no charge.

FIRE & AMBULANCE REPORT

Thank you to the residents and taxpayers for their continued support of the Fire Department.

In March of 2012 we transitioned to the new South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center, this has been an interesting experience. I believe that it will have a positive impact on the delivery of Fire and EMS services within our community for a very long time.

In July FF/ Paramedic Keith Donaghey left to take a job with MassPort Fire, Keith had served the town well for 21 years. He will be missed, we wish him well in his new position.

In December Captain Stephen M. Sweeney retired after 28 years of service. Captain Sweeney was instrumental in bringing the Advanced Life Support system to the town of Norwell; he has left a lasting impression on the Department and our community.

We continue to work with South Shore Hospital to improve the EMS services provided to our town.

Statistics for 2012	
Fires	39
Explosions	2
EMS	1106
Hazardous Materials / Conditions	208
Service Calls	229
Good Intent Calls	133
False Calls	258
Severe Weather	18
Special Incidents	1

Plan Reviews	17
Business Annual Inspection	22
General Quarterly Inspection	39
Smoke Detector / CO	172
Fire Drills	25
Tank inspections	28

I wish to thank Erin Galvin, Fire Department Administrative Assistant for her help throughout the year. To our dispatchers, On-Call Firefighters and Full Time Staff thank you for keeping our community a safe place to live and work.

T. Andrew Reardon, Fire Chief

HARBORMASTER

This past season was quiet, and the weather factored in for a great boating season. As always boating safety my number one priority for the Town of Norwell.

I conducted random boat inspections and I found that most boaters were in compliance with the type and size of their craft. The most common items not in compliance were:

1. Not having the registration.
2. Out of date flares.
3. Worn anchor line and or insufficient length.

I have completed the National Association of Safe Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program given by the US Coast Guard. The Harbormaster Training Council requires all Harbormasters to complete in-service training each year, which is an on going event.

The Habitat of Humanity Duck Derby was held at Bridge Street Landing and was a fun time for all and I hope this becomes an annual event. The North-South River Watershed Great River Race is set for July 13, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

With the fee rates set at \$3.25 per foot I see no increase in fees for some time to come.

Again in 2013 I will be doing more boat safety inspections and random boat stops to insure all boaters have the proper equipment on board. Please update your skills and take a boater safety coarse or refresher, a First Aid and CPR coarse is also suggested.

All moorings on the river have been inspected by certified mooring inspectors and are an on going program. The 2013 Renewal forms will be mailed out March 14, 2013 and need to be returned no later than May 14, 2013 New bridge water line height markers will be placed on the Bridge Street landing this year.

Permits issued	123	Moorings Commercial	30
Inspections	8	Slips Commercial	31
New moorings	2	Boats	120
Transfers	2	Animal Rescue	1
Assist boaters	5		

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald P. Mott Harbormaster

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Although the winter season of 2011-2012 was unseasonably warm the Highway Department was fully prepared to remove any snow or ice that threatens public safety. There were 20 sanding events and 3 plowing events.

Street sweeping & spring cleanup began on March 12, 2012 all public roads, sidewalks, and parking lots are swept free of sand & debris, areas damaged by snow plowing are loamed & seeded and any broken asphalt is picked up. Street sweeping was completed on May 31, 2012.

Much time was spent throughout the summer months repairing road defects with Hot Mix Asphalt, rebuilding drain manholes and catch basins, repairing street signs and responding to citizen's requests and/or concerns.

On August 15, 2012, work resumed on Summer Street, Lincoln Street, and Winter Street. Drainage calculations & designs were completed by Environmental Partners Group of Quincy, MA. 6 sub-surface drainage systems were installed on Summer Street at a cost of \$186,986.00 with another 4 sub-surface drainage systems installed on Lincoln Street at a cost of \$122,684.00. These drainage systems consist of catch basins, leaching basins, manholes, frames & covers, hoods, and pipe. Winter Street will be completed in the spring of 2013. When the drainage installation is completed these three (3) roads will receive their top coarse of asphalt.

In September the east coast was hit by Hurricane Isaac and again Hurricane Sandy. Thankfully both storms caused only minor damage and we did not suffer the devastation that states from Florida to New York & New Jersey suffered.

On November 1, 2012, Sealcoating Inc. of Hingham, MA, began crack-sealing throughout Town. Sealing cracks in roadways prevents water from seeping under the asphalt which causes undermining and potholes. The following public roads were completed, Longwater Drive, Philip Drive, West End Way, Stanley Road, Walnut Road, Capt. Joshua Lane, Loring Drive, Farrar Farm Road, Norwell Woods, Hawthorne Lane, Trout Brook Lane, Laura's Lane, Hemlock Drive, and Homestead Farm Drive. 7,538 gallons of Modified Asphalt Fiber Compound was applied at a cost of \$ 86,234.72.

On November 7, 2012, winter storm Athena hit bringing our construction season to a close with the exception of completing the resurfacing of the Council on Aging parking lot on November 16, 2012.

In closing, I would like to thank the Highway Department staff: Chris Cowden Foreman, Steve MacInnis, James Murphy, William Lavery, Scott Ladue, Steve Perona & Harold Tuttle our Recycling Department staff, Linda Murphy Secretary, along with the Contractors, the many Boards, Committees, and Commissions for their time in wanting the best for the Town of Norwell.

Respectfully submitted
Paul M. Foulsham, Highway Surveyor

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The winter of 2011-2012 was milder than usual. We were able to expand cleanup and field repairs due to good weather conditions and lack of snow.

Repairs went smoothly for the aging equipment. There were only two snow storms in the 1st half of the year and one snow storm over Christmas in the second half.

Due to the increase in deer ticks we applied a pesticide both in April & June to all school fields and public grounds to help prevent Lyme disease.

Our fertilizer program was broken down into three (3) time lines; April School vacation for crab grass and insect control, June at the end of the School term for grub and insect control and in mid-August for broad leaf and grassy weed control. Other fertilizers were used throughout the year to augment changing turf conditions. Over all we spread 37,000 pounds of pelletized material and used 29 gallons of concentrated liquid herbicides this year.

As for tree removal this year, 96 trees were removed and 192 were trimmed with the assistance of Tree Tech of Framingham, MA. The department spent 16 days removing branches and debris from high winds and Hurricane Sandy for Town wide cleanup along with Athena uprooting many town trees.

The department had 32 interments at Washington Street Cemetery.

All of this was on top of our regular duties of mowing 85 acres a week, routine field maintenance, dethatching, aerating, over-seeding, sweeping, marking out the Town's athletic fields, trash removal, maintenance of athletic field benches, and maintaining the athletic fields irrigation system.

Throughout the year, the department was able to keep up with the ever changing environment without missing a beat.

In closing I would like to thank the Tree & Grounds Department staff: Mark Smith Foreman, George Brazil, Phil Murray, Bonnie Litchfield, our temporary employee Steve Perona, and, Linda Murphy Secretary, along with the Contractors, the many Boards, Committees, and Commissions for their time in wanting the best for the Town of Norwell.

Respectfully submitted
Paul M. Foulsham, Director

NORWELL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

During the calendar year 2012 there were 21 full burials and 11 cremation burials for a total of 32 burials recorded at Washington Street Cemetery. Only 8 new graves were sold. This number is smaller than usual because we now only sell graves to town residents that have an immediate need. We do not have enough graves available for people who wish to purchase when planning for the future. We hope that this situation will be remedied when the new cemetery at Stetson Meadows becomes available.

At this time we would like to acknowledge the passing of one of our most faithful committee members, Mary Lizotte. We will miss her many contributions at both the old cemetery and also the planning of the new cemetery.

If you have need of a burial plot, please call the town clerk and she will put you in touch with the cemetery chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Daneau, Chairman
Lynne Rose, Secretary
J. Richard Hartigan
Francis Nagle

PERMANENT BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building and Maintenance Committee has worked on a myriad of building repairs throughout the town.

The major focus centered around the assessment of the existing Police station on River Street design of the new construction of the police station on the north side of the existing fire station.

The PBMC also assisted with the completion of the Council on Aging, building addition project at the Pine Street location.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Ferguson, Chairman
Don Messinger
Fred Hayres
Andy Whitaker
Jeff Fitzgerald
Tom O'Neill
Mark McGlinchey

WATER COMMISSIONERS

During calendar 2012 the Norwell Water Department was pleased to serve 3,571 residential, commercial, municipal and industrial accounts. This represents an increase of 26 accounts from the previous year. The total volume of water pumped from our ten groundwater wells was 357 million gallons, a decrease of 2 million gallons from 2011, for an average daily demand of just less than 1.0 million gallons. Our maximum demand day was July 17th, with 1.75 million gallons of water pumped. The summer of 2012 saw a continuing trend of warm dry summers. Water restrictions were imposed on April 20th, 2012, much earlier in the season than is typical, to curb demand and maintain adequate groundwater reserves for essential uses through the summer months. This was due in part to a mild winter with minimum snowfall, followed by marginal spring rains that recharge our aquifers. With good reason, water conservation and management, on a watershed scale, have become the primary focus of regulators and water suppliers as warm dry summers become the norm. Extreme tropical weather patterns also continued in 2012 resulting in hurricane Sandy which wreaked havoc on the Mid-Atlantic States in late October, sparing the Northeast, unlike 2011 where hurricane Irene hit Northeast region full force in late August of that year.

The Water Department conducted in excess of 650 service calls during the year. These service calls consisted primarily of installing new metering equipment and service valves, marking underground utilities, and responding to customer inquiries regarding water quality or pressure concerns. There were 47 water system related road openings undertaken in 2012, to renew 10 leaking water services, install 26 new water services, replace 5 fire hydrants, and repair 6 water main breaks.

During 2012 the upgrade of the Washington Street Wellfield was completed. The entire well-field is now more efficient, higher yielding and producing improved quality water along with increased operator safety. Similar improvements are being considered for the Grove Street Wellfield. Improvements at Grove Street will be more complex, requiring advanced treatment, due to the nature of the water quality at that site.

With monies approved at Town Meeting the South Street Treatment Plant received a facelift and other improvements in 2012. All process piping and filter vessels had rust removed and were then cleaned, prepped and painted. A dehumidification system was installed to preserve and protect the new coating systems, prolonging the longevity of the plant. The Water Department's automated control system will be

upgraded in 2013, again, with monies approved at Town Meeting. Some components of the automated control system have been in service since 1992, and their replacement will be prioritized.

The Department is continuing its practice of quarterly billing. Billing at these intervals has proven to be a success, with residents receiving more frequent water bills of lesser amounts. Currently, mailed paper bills can easily be paid online, at no charge. Expanding on that feature, the Water Department now offers email notification of bills payable. The email billing process is entirely paperless and in addition will provide the customer with an 18 month historical record of the account for comparative purposes. Look for instructions on your next paper bill or call our Town Hall office to go paperless.

Complete financial figures for our operations can be found under the reports of the Town Treasurer and Accountant.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Water Superintendent John McInnis, Distribution Foreman Steven Gatanti, Treatment Plant Operator Marc Spinella, Water System Mechanics Scott O’Keefe and John McGloin, Administrative Secretary Theresa Graham, and Meter Reader Ben Margro for their dedication to task and superb ability to communicate and address issues with water customers, contractors, consultants, and Town officials.

We would also like to thank all the other Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees who have offered their cooperation, guidance and support during the past year.

Respectively submitted,
Board of Water Commissioners
Fredrick St. Ours, Chairman, Steve Ivas, Peter Dillon

BOARD OF HEALTH

In February, the Norwell Board of Health along with five other South Shore towns participated in an emergency shelter drill at Scituate High School. Fire Chief Andy Reardon, Council on Aging Director Rosemary O’Connor, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy and members of the Medical Reserve Corp. participated.

The Board entered into negotiations with Covanta SEMASS for trash disposal at their Rochester, MA facility. The current contract with SEMASS is due to expire at the end of 2014. With disposal costs certain to rise, the Board is pleased that trash tonnage is down and recycling volume is up since the implementation of Single Stream Recycling. It’s anticipated that this trend will continue.

The Board of Health conducted five (5) flu clinics with the usual outstanding nursing services provided by the Norwell VNA & Hospice.

The Board would like to thank and congratulate longtime Administrative Assistant Pat Cummings who retired in July after many years as a loyal and efficient employee. The Board is pleased to welcome Sharon Perfetti as Pat’s replacement. In addition to Pat and Sharon, the Board would like to extend its appreciation to Health Agent Brian Flynn, Food Inspector Bob Griffin and Environmental Consultant Ralph Cole for services provided to the Town of Norwell.

Appreciation goes out to all Boards, Commissions, Department heads, staff members and the citizens of Norwell.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

Complaints	54
Swimming Pool/Jacuzzi Inspections	6

Percolation Tests/Groundwater Observations	68
Plan Review (Septic, Planning, ZBA	225
Restaurant/Food Service Inspections	136
School Inspections.....	12
Municipal Building Inspections	2
On Site/Office Consultations.....	724

PERMITS ISSUED IN 2012:

Mobile Food Service.....	5
Tobacco Sales Permit	12
Milk & Cream Permits	45
Food Service Establishment Permits	43
Retail Food Store Permits.....	27
Catering Function Permits.....	15
Catering Establishment Permits	7
Public/Semi Public Swimming Pool Permits	5
Public/Semi Public Hot Tub/Jacuzzi	1
Swimming Pool Installation Permits	10
Disposal Works Permits & Revisions	92
Tanning Facilities	1
Funeral Director Permits	1
Motel Permits	3
Recreation Camp Permits	5
Mobile Home Park Permits	2
Disposal Works Installer Permits	49
Septic Hauler Permits.....	23
Medical Waste Hauler Permit	1
Rubbish Waste Hauler Permit	6
Well Installation Permit.....	19

A total of \$89,362.50 for permits, fees, etc. was turned into the Treasurer/Collector. This also includes monthly fees for two (2) Mobile Home Park spaces.

Respectfully submitted,
John Litchfield, Chairman
Peter M. Dillon
Meg Doherty

COUNCIL ON AGING

2012 was an eventful, exciting and an interesting time for all at the Norwell COA. During 2012, the building and renovations were completed with help and support from a great number of people in our South Shore community. The Public Building & Maintenance Committee gave those involved guidance and knowledge to get the job done. Once it was completed there was an Open House to “show off” this new and exciting building. Probably the most successful in the addition is the elevator; so exciting and so accessible. The COA appreciates all that was done. It was well worth the time and effort put in.

As mentioned in previous reports, the COA could not provide the services so pertinent to the community without the support and assistance of our volunteers. In 2012 their work & efforts

have surpassed previous years. Their expertise in so many endeavors goes without saying. They make a difference!

At the Annual Town Meeting for FY'12, the COA, was appropriated (via Article 2) \$213,000 for salaries, wages and operational expenses. This budget allowed us to secure grants, donations and to better serve those within the community.

During this time we have been approached by the advent of the "baby boomers". Our current level of 23% of the total population of Norwell is expected to increase up to over 45% over the next 10 years. We have now found a new goal and an intriguing challenge. Our mandate is to provide services and programs to those 60 years and over. The "baby boomers" are up and coming. Our role is to increase participation with well thought out programs; to encourage and foster relationships knowing anyone is welcome. We continue to advocate, identify and support our residents. The numbers may be different, but the mission is still the same. It is to serve as a resource supporting the unique needs of Norwell's older adults and their families. Our goal is to develop and provide programs and services promoting an independent, healthy and active lifestyle. We strive to ensure that Norwell seniors have the opportunity to participate in a safe and open environment, that fosters learning, social interaction, volunteerism and enhances dignity and a connection with the community.

Because of the importance of working with diverse groups, our department role is changing. In this year, we started working with a coach and facilitator to assist in developing goals & objectives for our department. This has been a new and great start for the COA, the community and most importantly, those individuals who wish to advance to a better and positive lifestyle. This is what we are striving for and 2012 has been the catalyst to do just that.

Respectfully submitted:

The Norwell COA Board Members

The Norwell COA Staff

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

The Commission on Disabilities is a committee in town that serves the needs of any resident affected by physical or cognitive disabilities. Each year we reach out to the community to see if there are any needs that we can assist with by supplying equipment, seminars, educational supplies etc, to different public forums in town. We cannot address individual needs but we can address issues that affect the community as a whole. Over the years we have supplied equipment and goods to the library, Council on Aging, Schools, Senior housing, Norris Reservation, athletic fields and Town Hall.

This year, we purchased visual and learning disabled adaptive equipment and teaching supplies to the elementary schools pre-K program; large print books to the Council on Aging; large print books and books on tape to the library; and we sponsored a seminar for parents/guardians of disabled teens becoming adults. This program consisted of a panel of professional experts on the topics of Social Security, housing, the legal issues of becoming an adult in the eyes of the law, wills, healthcare proxies, day/work programs and a great list of resources in these areas. This was greatly received and attended by the public.

If any resident has any ideas for equipment, or lectures, or adaptations to town common areas, please send your ideas/requests to the Commission on Disabilities at the Town Hall.

Committee members:

Michele Bickford- chairperson
Laurie Galvin
Michele O'Hara
Kevin Cohane
Debbie Paine
Patti Nelson

CUSHING CENTER

The Board of Directors of the Cushing Center is pleased to submit our report of activities for 2012 for the review of residents and officials.

Your Cushing Memorial Hall continues to be a well used, vibrant fixture in Norwell Center. Our first floor office space remains fully leased and the Grand Hall continues to be very well utilized. I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of Norwell that the Grand Hall at the Cushing Center is available for town sponsored events, and at discounted rates for private functions. Please call our Executive Director, Mary Lou O'Leary for details.

A recap of our revenues and expenses is as follows:

REVENUES:	Office and Hall Rentals	\$ 56,135.00
EXPENCES:	Payroll and Operating costs	\$ 48,736.00
		<u>BALANCE \$ 7,399.00</u>

NET PROFIT TO NORWELL \$ 7,399.00

Through the continued support of the Community Preservation Committee we will be completing the exterior repairs to the building we have been working on for some time. By the time this report goes to press the Cupola will be completely restored and all the exterior woodwork will be repaired and repainted. The Cushing Center is once again a jewel in Norwell! We also continue with our interior maintenance. Every year we try to tackle a section. This year we repainted all the interior window sash and wainscoating in the Grand Hall.

With the exterior of the building itself in great shape, we will turn our attention to the grounds. We are preparing an article for the spring town meeting to repave, and perhaps reconfigure the parking lot located to the rear of the building. This project is long overdue.

The Cushing Memorial Hall continues to benefit from the caring hands and hard work of the Norwell Garden Club and North River Gardeners. We all owe a debt of gratitude to them for the beautiful plantings along our Main Street.

In closing, the Board would like to thank our staff; Dianne and Kevin Townsend who serve as Building Custodians, and Mary Lou O'Leary as our Executive Director. Without their dedication and commitment we could not remain nearly as successful as we have been.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2012.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The

Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

As a result of a mild winter with little snow cover, the 2012 season began with a low water table and below average number of spring mosquitoes. Detection and treating larval mosquitoes was limited with the spring brood, because of the low water table, lack of larvae and budget constraints. The normal acreage aerial laticided using the Project plane was reduced and ground larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 8, 2012 and ended on September 21, 2012. The Project responded to 13,698 spray requests for service from residents. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,935 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping and ground larviciding, and adult spraying in areas of concern to protect public health.

The first virus isolations identified in Plymouth County was on July 10, 2012 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, a *Coquillettidia perturbans*, a mammal biting species was found to have (EEE) Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus in the town of Carver. West Nile Virus (WNV) from a *Coquillettidia perturbans*, a mammal biting species was found in the town of Hanover on July 22, 2012.

The 2012 season had a total of 126 EEE positive pools (50 or less mosquitoes) isolates, and 30 WNV positive pools trapped in Plymouth County as follows:

WNV 30 positive pools

BROCKTON	3
COHASSET	1
HALIFAX	1
HANOVER	2
HANSON	3
LAKEVILLE	2
MIDDLEBOROUGH	2
ROCHESTER	1
SCITUATE	2
WEST BRIDGEWATER	12
WHITMAN	1

EEE 126 positive pools

BRIDGEWATER	8
BROCKTON	1
CARVER	7
DUXBURY	2
HALIFAX	9
HANOVER	1
HANSON	4
KINGSTON	7
LAKEVILLE	8
MATTAPOISETT	10

MIDDLEBOROUGH	22
PLYMPTON	8
WEST BRIDGEWATER	38
WHITMAN	1

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Vector Control Plan to Prevent WNV and EEE in Massachusetts", the season began with 24 Plymouth County towns at "Low Risk Level" and four towns at the "Moderate Risk Level" for WNV and EEE. The season ended with no Plymouth County towns at "Low Level", 8 towns at the "Moderate Level" for WNV and EEE risk, 15 towns at "high level" WNV and EEE risk category and 5 towns at "Critical" WNV and EEE risk level category. Two aerial interventions were needed to effectively reduce human biting bridge vector mosquitoes as well as enzootic transmission of EEE. Governor Patrick announced aerial spraying would take place on July 20, 2012 in southeastern Massachusetts. Communities sprayed within the district included Lakeville, Bridgewater, Carver, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Pembroke, Kingston, Plympton, Middleboro, Rochester and West Bridgewater to help prevent further spread of EEE infected mosquitoes. The second aerial spray was focused on the six towns around the Hockomock swamp to reduce amplification of the EEE virus including Bridgewater and West Bridgewater on August 13, 2012.

There were two human cases (outside the aerial spray zone) and 4 animal cases as a result of contracting EEEV and 1 WNV human case in Plymouth County.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project website www.plymouthmosquito.org and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of Norwell are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Norwell residents.

Insecticide Application. 2,440 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer, 1,620 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2012 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,585 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Norwell was less than three days with more than 445 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Oc. canadensis* and *Coquilleltidia perturbans*. In the Town of Norwell the three most common mosquitoes were *Ae. vexans*, *Cs. melanura* and *Cx.species*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Kimberly King
Michael F. Valenti
John Kenney

NORWELL RECREATION COMMISSION

Norwell Recreation offers leisure programs and services to Norwell residents and friends of all ages preschoolers through seniors. You can find our program offerings at our website: www.townofnorwell.net and you receive our brochures every season in your mailbox. The challenging economic climate continued into 2012 and effected the recreation department in both positive and negative ways. We've now gone two fiscal years with a fee supported model for all program related expenses! The director's salary continues as the only tax supported expense. But these are still tight financial times for many families so the Recreation Commission continues to subsidize the extremely popular summer playground programs for Gr K-8. 2012 did have a lower enrollment by 6.5%. Obviously, it is difficult to determine the reasons. Was it: tough economic times, our increased fees (no tax support for programs), more competition in the marketplace, or some other reason? Public recreation services and programs continue to provide a community benefits and provides quality and value.

Our "stats":

- 250+ programs
- 9,000+ participants
- Budget FY12: \$71,503, funded 1 staff: the director
- Revolving Fund FY12: \$278586 funded costs of over 260 programs
- Other Staff: 100+ part-time, program specific instructors, supervisors, leaders & assistants
- Over 100 volunteers!

Thank you to the over 60 teen volunteers who help in the winter coaching our rec hoops program. Their energy and time help make a positive difference to our community. Thank you to the 30+ adult volunteers who help provide program opportunities as instructors, aides, trip chaperones & special event workers.

Thank you to the volunteer commission members listed below (and their families) who help plan our direction, set goals, plan and run special events and serve on the following two town committees as the recreation commission's representatives: Community Preservation and Pathways. A special thank you is extended to Denise Nestor, who stepped down after serving over 4 years as a volunteer Recreation Commission Member. As of the writing of this report, a new member is needed.

The Recreation Department is a programming department, and although not responsible for facility improvements and maintenance, we support efforts to make improvements to athletic fields and facilities. It should be a high priority so all athletes, young and older, recreational and competitive, can enjoy the best and safest facilities. The Board of Selectmen reactivated the Athletic Fields Committee following the survey completed by the new Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee 2012-2019 showing that respondents also considered improved athletic fields a very high priority. Norwell will definitely benefit again by having an active group to drive this agenda forward.

Thank you to our staff (paid and volunteers) that are our best asset and do all the hard work.

Thanks to the School Department for continuing the free access of their facilities to our recreation department programs and community wide access to school facilities – both buildings and fields.

A huge thank you is extended to the Tree and Grounds Department for their town field maintenance and improvements on a shoestring budget.

We have programs for all ages and all interest levels. Take a look at one and join us in a future program! If you have suggestions, we will listen. *This is your recreation department!*

Submitted by Dale Connor, Director and the Recreation Commission members: Ginny Maree, David Kean, Pat Richardson, and Anne Staples.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

In 2012, Norwell residents used the Recycling Center to properly dispose of yard waste as well as recyclable materials. 76.2 tons of scrap metal was recycled, generating an additional \$7620.00 for Norwell in revenue. 406 E-waste/white goods (refrigerators, televisions, monitors, etc.) were collected, as well as empty propane tanks. 300 tons of brush was ground, and 270 tons of leaves and yard waste was disposed of allowing for compost this spring for our residents. Fluorescent light bulbs and NiCad batteries were collected helping to get the mercury out of the waste stream and further protecting the environment. Oil based paint and stain, as well as motor oil, was collected the first Saturday of the month starting in April and running through November. Amenico, which recycles used vegetable oil and turns it into a carbon neutral, biodegradable, non-toxic biofuel, maintains a collection barrel located just inside the Recycling Center.

The committee continues to maintain 13 can/bottle collection bins at all school and town sports fields as well as 2 Big Belly Solar compactors.

Our “Spring Clean Up” event on May 5th was again a great success. Got Books, Shred King, Big Brother/Big Sister, Lions Club (eyeglasses), Sullivan Tire, and Cell Phones for Soldiers were vendors who helped sponsor this event. In 4 hours, 2000 pounds of household items was collected by BBBS, 1200 pounds of paper/documents by Shred King, 30 tires, 60 cell phones and 30 pair of eyeglasses. Got Books continues to have a bin at the entrance of the recycling center for year round collection. In 2013 the Recycling Committee will be joining forces with the Beautification Committee (Trash Bash) for a town wide clean up on April 27th.

At the annual town meeting the committee presented an article to transfer \$14,000.00 from free cash for the maintenance for the brush pile. Each year it costs approximately \$8000.00 (2 days) to grind. The article was passed.

In June, Joanne Dirk resigned from the Recycling Committee after being a member and Chair for 36 years. She was a huge supporter of recycling and the driving force behind the success of not only the center but the numerous grants and projects the committee worked on. The committee voted Vicky Spillane to take over as Chair, and also voted to return the budget for the Recycling Center back to the Board of Health. This was completed by Joanne, and the committee continues to be a resource for the Board of Health, helping to run the center as well as promote recycling in the town. A “Friends of Norwell Recycling” Facebook page has been set up, and the committee will be contacting the schools as well as notifying residents through newspapers to check it out and “Like” us! We hope to use this as a means to increase recycling awareness and keep residents educated and informed.

Committee members welcome any ideas and suggestions to help increase awareness of the value and need for recycling, and look forward to helping Norwell become an even greener town, by both recycling and saving money!

Submitted by the Recycling Committee – Vicky Spillane, Chair
Anne Fridgen-Traft, Carole McCarthy, Holly Wenger, Marge Dorney, Norman Thoms

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fourteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.** Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

In 2012, the SSRC raised **\$73,742**: \$63,000 from municipal member dues, \$2,390 from sponsorships, and \$10,742 in grant funding. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit member towns. With a budget of \$66,885 for FY13, the December balance is \$40,686 at the midpoint of the fiscal year.

In addition to technical assistance, these activities **saved and earned Member Towns at least \$138,000.**

Significantly, **disposed trash tonnage in our member towns, and its associated costs, dropped 6.9 %** from 2009 to 2011, the most recent year for which data is available.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Regional Disposal contract – The SSRC is combining the purchasing power of its member towns with that of **ten towns on Cape Cod**. In 2009, the SSRC was invited to join a regional long term disposal contract negotiation, facilitated and **funded by the Cape Cod Commission (CCC)**. The CCC has retained the services of John Giorgio, Esq., of Kopelman and Paige to assist. The SSRC has actively represented our member towns in this endeavor.

Five companies responded to a regional Request for Quotes. Negotiations will conclude this month, after which time a final award will be made by each town for contracts to commence on or after January 1, 2015. With an aggregated 85,000 tons of solid waste /year, this procurement could save our towns **millions of dollars** over the anticipated life of the contract as compared with each town negotiating individually. The competition also benefits the Member towns that opted to negotiate on their own.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids a contract on behalf of its member Towns for Household Hazardous waste Collections. The current contract was awarded to PSC Environmental. Member Towns avoided a setup fee and paid significantly less than State Contract rates. The SSRC restructured the contract terms to include lower rates for small quantities, facilitated more economical multiple town events, and staffed all collections. The resulting **savings to our towns was about \$29,000**, which also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director administers the billing.

1,731 residents attended **ten collections** held in 2012. The contract also enabled **142 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

Books - The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$60/ton for used books and other media, to its members. In 2012, thirteen SSRC towns repurposed **224 tons** of material, with combined rebates and avoided disposal cost of **\$28,000**.

Textiles - Identified as a significant component of residential waste, SSRC intensified outreach and worked with textile recyclers to get maximum tonnage and return. We negotiated an increase in rebate from two companies to \$100/ton for used clothing and textiles. In 2012, thirteen towns utilized this program, up from eight in 2011, more than doubling diversion to over 400 tons of material and saving and earning over **\$70,000**.

Mercury - Covanta SEMASS extended free mercury recycling benefits to all SSRC members, even those that don't send their waste to SEMASS. SEMASS offers reimbursement for costs incurred, and also directly pays for mercury bearing waste delivered to Complete Recycling Solutions in Fall River.

CRS direct billed SEMASS for **\$10,449** to recycle mercury bearing waste from SSRC towns in 2012.

Latex Paint collections – The SSRC was awarded a **grant by MassDEP** to collaborate with The Paint Exchange, LLC, a local company, to scale up their latex paint collection and recycling operation. TPE collected 809 gallons of leftover paint from residents and processed it into reColor, a premium interior latex paint priced well below the cost of retail virgin paint. It is estimated that diverting this material from the municipal waste stream saved our towns about **\$1,400**. More importantly, it helped to create a sustainable business to divert much more material for years to come.

Compost and Brush - The SSRC extended contracts for **compost screening** and **brush grinding** with Daniels Recycling, Letourneau Wood Products, Inc., and New England Recycling, Inc. Contract use was light in 2012.

Grant assistance: The SSRC assisted five of our towns in receiving \$310,642 in Sustainable Material Recovery grant awards for 2013 through MassDEP. SSRC and two member towns received \$5,650 in SMRP grants in 2012, from the 2011 awards.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Website - ssrcoop.info provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged 2,854 visits in 2012, 2,407 which were first time visitors, up from 2011.

Press Contacts - The SSRC is a resource to the local press on waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste, and is a presence in print, radio and cable media.

10/10/2012 [Marshfield Fair Grounds Crew honored by SSRC](#) posted in Globe South Weekly

8/2012 [South Shore Recycling Coop Helps Marshfield Fair Save Tons](#) in the Patch

7/2012 Letters to the Editor thanking Senator Hedlund, Rep. Nyman and Rep. Cantwell for support;

South Shore legislator UBB scorecard Patriot Ledger

3/28/2012 [Not too shabby: Most old clothing can be recycled.](#) Patriot Ledger

[2/3/12 Satuit Hardware joins in mercury recycling](#) Boston Globe

Resident Contacts - Member municipalities referred over 100 residents' questions to the Executive Director in 2012 via phone and email to answer questions, about everything from paper recycling to medical sharps disposal.

Public and Professional Presentations - The Executive Director attended six professional workshops and conferences, and presented at one about SSRC Textile Recycling.

Tours - There's nothing like seeing firsthand how and where our waste materials are processed. In 2012, the SSRC hosted a tour for our solid waste managers and residents at **CRTRecycling** in Brockton, which processes electronic waste. The Executive Director did site visits and/or meetings at seven other facilities that manage discarded materials.

Marshfield Fair Recycling - With assistance from MassDEP, the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the ninth consecutive year. While public education is the priority, the Fair reached the fifty ton mark for material recycled and composted since the start of our involvement.

The SSRC loans **recycling containers** from a previous grant for use at local events. In 2012, Hanover Youth Athletic Association softball, Sustainable South Shore, the Diva Dash and the South Shore Celebration borrowed them.

ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2012 included:

- Attended committee/board meetings in **Hanson, Weymouth and Whitman.**
- Coordinated and assisted with three meetings with a disposal service provider and several of our member towns.
- Assisted Rockland and Cohasset in obtaining surveillance cameras.
- Notified all managers of **grant and reimbursement opportunities** and deadlines, training and educational **workshops**, prescription **take-back programs**.
- Assisted Member town Health Departments in complying with new **medical sharps management** regulations.
- Provide current index and regional **commodity pricing** for materials of interest to our managers.

Newsletter - The SSRC publishes monthly **Updates** filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The Updates are sent via email, and are posted online at ssrcoop.info, click on Newsletters.

Monthly Meetings - The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

January - [Bay State Textiles](#)

February - [Windward Trading Group](#), CRTRecycling

March - [The Paint Exchange, grants](#)

April - [Creative Outdoor Advertising; Food waste](#)

May - [Legislative Breakfast with PCHA](#)

June - [KLT Industries](#)

August - [Bay State Textiles](#)

September - [Clean Harbors](#)

October - [Interstate Battery Systems; SCS Engineering](#)

November - Casella Waste Systems

ADVOCACY

- The Executive Director attends numerous **policy meetings** hosted by MassDEP, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Council of SEMASS Communities and Product Stewardship Institute. She acts as a liaison between the Board and the State organizations.
- The SSRC has been a strong and consistent voice both on its own and with coalitions of organizations to move resource- saving measures forward both at the State House and in the recycling community. In 2012, the SSRC Executive Director met with legislators on several occasions to discuss legislation, both individually and as part of various coalitions. We were deeply involved with legislation to expand the **Bottle Bill**, and an **Electronic Waste Producer Responsibility bill**.
- The SSRC co-hosted a **Legislative Breakfast** with the Plymouth County Highway Association in May.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

SOUTH SHORE COALITION

Representing the Towns of Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate, and Weymouth

The South Shore Coalition provides a venue for representatives of 13 towns on the South Shore to discuss issues of mutual interest and develop strategies for regional collaboration. Each municipality may appoint two official representatives to the coalition: one appointed by the Planning Board and one appointed by the

Board of Selectmen or Town Council. All meetings and events are open to the general public. The Coalition is staffed by MAPC and the Chairperson is the Town of Scituate representative Anne Burbine and Vice-Chairman is the Town of Braintree representative Sandra Kunz.

In 2011, the Coalition's highlights include meeting focused on:

- Stormwater Management and Funding - Martin Pillsbury, Environmental Division Manager, presented on the topic of stormwater management and funding in light of current and potential future municipal responsibilities under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) program. The presentation provided a detailed overview of a Stormwater Utility, which treats stormwater management as a public service like electricity, heating and water. The utility operates as a dedicated enterprise fund and is supported by property assessments based on contribution of stormwater runoff to municipally managed storm sewer system.
- Fore River Bridge Replacement Project – At the request of the Fore River Neighborhood Association and other representatives from Weymouth, the SSC hosted a discussion regarding the proposed Fore River Bridge Replacement Project. The discussion included a review of project-related materials (costs, bridge graphics, etc.), elements of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, and the proposed bridge designs. The SSC drafted a letter to Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) following this meeting and in continuing to engage with MassDOT as the project advances.
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Workshop – The SSC hosted Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) workshop on “Roles and Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards” in Hingham. The workshop was attended by over 15 planning officials from the South Shore and included an informative discussion about the operations and procedures of these key boards involved in the planning process.
- Regionalization - Jennifer Garcia, from the MAPC Government Affairs Department, gave a presentation and information on the topic of Regionalization. The presentation featured information about related legal issues, the proposed regionalization legislations and additional resources for exploring this topic. A great discussion followed about regionalization opportunities and current regional efforts on the South Shore, including the existing Weymouth-Braintree-Quincy recycling program and the new Regional Dispatch Center that will be serving the towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell and Cohasset.
- First Herring Brook Restoration Project in Scituate – Sara Grady, the South Shore Regional Coordinator for the Mass. Bays Program, presented an overview of the ongoing restoration project that has focused on balancing drinking water needs with streamflow needs for maintaining healthy waterway. The study explored water controls along the First Herring Brook, which is a key water source for Scituate residents and businesses, and how changes in these controls and in water conservation could meet help in meeting both needs. The study is producing promising results and setting the foundation for water use efficiency.

At the Coalition's monthly meetings (generally held on the third Thursday of each month at Hingham Town Hall), participants also discussed the priorities for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the new Regional Transportation Plan, legislative issues and the new MAPC new Local Energy Action Program. Coalition staff also provided technical assistance to city and town planners.

One other significant note is the South Shore Coastal Adaptation Planning study, which was a District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) project for the towns of Scituate, Marshfield. The project explored existing conditions regarding coastal protection structures, how conditions along the shorelines may change under different sea level rise scenarios, and adaptation strategies that could manage and mitigate future risks to public safety and property. The project advanced successfully through collaboration between MAPC, the three towns and the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), and has resulted in additional grant funding to continue the work on preparing for potential climate change impacts to coastlines of the South Shore. For more information, visit www.mapc.org/subregions/ssc.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC) is an agency that administers many federal, state and private grants that are available for low income and elderly persons.

During the fiscal year of SSCAC, a total of **954 Norwell households** (duplicated) were served from October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012 through the many programs.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

TOTAL

HOUSEHOLDS

ENERGY SERVICES:

FUEL ASSISTANCE (FEDERAL)	62	\$49,588
PRIVATE FUNDS FOR FUEL ASSISTANCE	1	\$27
HEARTWAP (BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT)	10	\$2,720
PRIVATE UTILITY FUNDS FOR WEATHERIZATION AND BURNER REPAIR	20	\$21,827

RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ARREARAGE PROGRAMS:

LEND A HAND/ BOARD FUND (PRIVATE FUNDS)	2	\$1,775
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OTHER PROGRAMS:

CONSUMER AID	13
FOOD BASKET (FOOD GIFT CARDS)	1
HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS	28
TRANSPORTATION – INTER-TOWN MEDICAL AND OTHER TRIPS IN LIFT EQUIPPED VANS (TOTAL TRIPS)	813
SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)- FORMERLY FOOD STAMPS	2
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)	2

FOOD – LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND OTHER FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF AGING AND HEAD START EQUALED 210 LBS. APPROXIMATELY 162 MEALS.

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)
265 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360
Patricia Daly, Executive Director, 508-747-7575, X211, www.sscac.org

OFFICE OF VETERAN SERVICES

The Norwell office of Veterans' Services continues to serve Veterans, their spouses and/or dependents by counseling, advising, and assisting in procuring Federal and State benefits or entitlements for which they may be eligible. On the State and Local levels, we seek benefits for financial assistance; medical treatments; fuel assistance; tax abatements; housing; employment and counseling to those that are qualified under MGL: Chapter 115. The program is 75% reimbursable back to Norwell.

The process may require appointments at the office or the client's home, or the JFK building in Boston, and at VA Hospitals in order to verify and justify eligibility. An investigation of assets or other sources of income is performed to seek alternative sources such as Social Security, Social Security disability, and VA pensions for which the Veteran and/or spouse and dependents may be

eligible. This investigation helps limit the financial exposure to the Town and the State. The Federal Government does not automatically grant benefits to Veterans. Veterans must apply for benefits. The Veterans' Service Officer also visits hospitalized Veterans and those in nursing homes and eldercare facilities.

Our department also provides assistance in obtaining federal benefits such as service-connected disabilities, non-service pensions, enrollment in the VA Healthcare System and educational benefits. We provide Veterans and dependents assistance in obtaining military records, replacement of medals and ordering grave markers. The office supports town activities such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The needs are growing very fast in today's post-Iraq conflict and continue in Afghanistan with Veterans arriving home to a very poor economy and needing transitional benefits such as employment training, job search, medical care and housing assistance. For the past year we have seen an increase of over 50% for Veterans who have applied and who have been approved for benefits.

I also serve as VSO in Duxbury and Hanover and travel between the three towns based on need. Our office is located in Town Hall on the main level. It has discreet and excellent ground-level access for older or handicapped Veterans, their spouses and dependents.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Thorp
Veterans' Service Officer, Norwell

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Norwell Beautification Committee continues to generate, sponsor, support and perform various programs and projects designed to further the beauty and the quality of life of our town. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions!

At the 24th consecutive annual Norwell Beautification Award Program, held at a regular meeting of the Norwell Selectmen, the 2012 Myrtle H. McKay Beautification Award, our most prestigious award, was presented to Friendship Home; Christopher and Mary Ellen Stoddard were presented the Home Award for their home at 958 Main Street and Robert Chatfield was the recipient of a Special Recognition Award for his work and support of the Adopt-a-Street Program. The well-attended award ceremony also included the presentation of congratulatory Massachusetts Senate Proclamations from Senator Hedlund's office and a well-received reception following the ceremony.

April 28, 2012, was the date of the second annual TRASH BASH, which was sponsored by the Beautification Committee. A town-wide roadside cleanup was held in conjunction with Earth Day. Trash bags, gloves and water were provided to all the volunteers with prizes and gifts awarded at the end of the event. TRASH BASH was a great success!

As in prior years, festive holiday poinsettias were delivered to the all the town offices, the Council on Aging, Fire Department Headquarters, the Police Station and the Town Library. The Town Library grounds and the Japanese Garden at the rear of the library were cleaned and groomed both spring and fall. The low voltage lighting installed in the Japanese Garden continues to enhance the beauty of the statuary, trees and plantings. The Civil War and World War 1 Monuments at the Veterans Memorial Common were planted for Memorial Day with over 200 red bronze leaved begonias providing vibrant color to Norwell Center from May through September. The recently planted Rose of Sharon trees in the tree nursery continue to thrive and should soon be available for planting throughout the town. To enhance the Town Center, we introduced four large planters with flowers, adding evergreens for the

holidays. The Triangle and Adopt-a Street Programs also continue, although more volunteers are needed for both these programs.

The dedication and hard work of the hundreds of beautification volunteers is recognized and valued as is the continuing help and support of the Norwell Town Departments and Offices. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Beautification Committee or in becoming a part of the Triangle or Adopt-a-Street Programs should call 781-659-7463 or contact any committee member for further information!

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Solis, Chair

Joyanne R. Bond, Vice-Chair

Robert H. Norris, Secretary

Richard P. Barry, Treasurer

Arthur J. Lunny

Susan F. Hall

David W. White

Margaret S. Norris

Charles S. Morgan

COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST

2012 was a year of positive change for Affordable Housing in Norwell. At the May, 2012 annual Town Meeting, Article 42 was approved to accept the complete MGL, Chapter 44, Section 55C for Affordable Housing. With this move, the Community Housing Trust (CHT) was appointed in October, 2012 by the Board of Selectmen. The existing Affordable Housing Partnership and Affordable Housing Trust were dissolved.

The newly created CHT has an expanded role in projects and activities that directly support Affordable Housing in Norwell.

COMPLETED 2012 PROJECTS:

*Habitat for Humanity built an affordable home on Circuit Street (a sum of \$80,000 to help underwrite the construction of the house was approved at the May 2011 Town Meeting, Article 38)

*The state approved the Affordable Housing Production Plan (which is a state requirement). A copy of this plan is on the town website.

*Town owned land was leased to provide a 5 bedroom group home on Prospect Street to the company Road To Responsibility, located in Marshfield.

Community Housing Trust 2013:

Patricia Richardson, Chair

Bruce Burgess

Charles Markham

Gregg McBride

Andrew Reardon

Peter Shea

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The mission of the Norwell Conservation Commission is to protect the Town's natural resources and to administer the State and Town Wetland Protection Acts. Established in 1957, the Norwell Conservation Commission is one of 351 Conservation Commissions, serving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CONSERVATION LAND STEWARDSHIP

The Commission promoted many land management projects and programs.

- A dedicated crew of commissioners and senior volunteers cleared and opened the scenic Donovan's Farm stone walls; Work is currently under way for stone wall maintenance along the Jacobs Farm fields.
- Commissioners Bob Woodill, Dave Osborne and Bill Grafton constructed and installed informational kiosks at all entrances to Hatch Lots trails.
- The Donovan/Wildcat trail system was doubled under management of the Conservation Commission creating a link between the newly constructed bike path through town to the Wildcat subdivision.
- Trail maps showing all the new trails and features are currently under creation and should be available early spring 2013.
- The Commission is working on a unified trail identification system, including signage, kiosks, mid trail maps, parking areas and looks forward to positive changes over the next couple years to bring the outdoor recreational opportunities which abound in Norwell to the attention and use of the citizens of Norwell.
- The Cuffee Hill trails parking area immediately adjacent to the town trails was finalized and opened.
- The Commission worked to further environmental education by volunteering with the Hatch Pond Classroom Program.
- A South Shore Conservation Network training program is available on the fourth Thursday of each month from 8:30 to 11:30, the public and municipal staff are welcome to attend all educational programs.

THE SENIOR WORK PROGRAM

The Council on Aging's Senior Volunteer Program continues to provide invaluable assistance to the Commission in its stewardship of over 1500 acres of conservation land and 14 miles of trails. Projects completed by the volunteers in 2012 include: brush and fallen tree removal on all conservation trails, trash removal from trails and parking areas on conservation land, construction of boardwalks, mapped signage and trail marker status of all town trails, field edge maintenance among other projects.

The Commission thanks Charles Dirk, Stephen Gilmartin, Ralph Knowles, Mark Mederos, Wes Osborne, John Suurhans, Alfred Svelnis, and Stephen Young, for their participation in this program. Carol Osborne also contributed to office organization through the senior work program.

- Many of these volunteers contributed time above and beyond the Senior Work Program and their efforts and achievements are deeply appreciated. The stone walls along Donovan's Field were cleared of brush to restore the field edges due to the hard work of Mark Mederos, Dave Osborne, Bob Woodill, with assistance from Nancy Hemingway and town Tree and Grounds Crew.
- The Jacobs Farm walls are currently being cleared and field edges restored through the dedication of residents Dave Osborne, Mark Mederos and Ralph Knowles. Volunteers who would like to assist in this on-going project are welcome to contact Dave Osborne.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Open Space and Recreation Committee finalized the 2012-2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The final document is available on the Commissions webpage within the town website at www.townofnorwell.net. The plan has been approved by the Division of Conservation and Recreation as complete. The plan is largely regarded as an impressive, thorough and comprehensive document which integrates with and expands on the town's Master Plan. The plan lays out achievable goals and action items while providing an excellent educational resource for residents. We hope the plan will help inspire and guide Norwell Citizens to take actions and make decisions necessary to preserve Norwell's unique character by protecting and enhancing the Town's conservation, open space and recreational resources for many generations to enjoy. The Commission would like to express appreciation to the Open Space Committee and to its Chairperson, Marynel Wahl Halatsis.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The seven member board is comprised of volunteers who work with the Conservation Agent and Administrative staff to assist the citizens of Norwell to ensure their projects comply with the Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, the Stormwater Management Policy, and the Town of Norwell Wetlands Protection Bylaw Article XVI-a, while protecting natural resources and open space.

	NoI's	RDAs	Other Projects	NoI fees	Bylaw fees	Total Fees
2012	21	21	2	\$5437.50	\$15,120.00	\$20,557.50
2011	25	18	2	\$8242.50	\$11,221.25	\$19,463.75
2010	22	10	1	\$7905.00	\$10,861.00	\$18,766.00
2009	19	9	2	\$6580.00	\$5512.50	\$12,092.50
2008	29	14	3	\$4937.00	\$8940.00	\$13,877.00

The Commission invests a significant amount of time and effort to both serve the residents and protect the resources of the Town. In 2012, the Commission continued to work on ongoing regulatory projects including two 40B projects, four traditional subdivisions and two major commercial projects. This is in addition to the significant amount of time spent on assisting residents with smaller single family home projects. Additional information is available on Commission webpage found within the town website noted above.

CONSERVATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

The Commission welcomed two new members in 2012, Lori Hillstrand and Bruce Humphry. Two members resigned, Mary McCarthy and Sean Sutton. The Commission appreciates their time and contributions to the Town of Norwell. The Commission hired a new agent, Nancy Hemingway.

The Conservation Commission appreciates the continued hard work of Meredith Schmid, Jeanne Cianciola, and Wesley Osborne. Their dedicated service to the citizens of Norwell and to the Commission makes the work we do possible.

Respectfully submitted, The Norwell Conservation Commission
David Osborne, Chairman
William Grafton
Marynel Wahl Halatsis
Lori Hillstrand
Bruce Humphrey
David Magee
Robert Woodill

Staff

Nancy Hemingway, Conservation Agent
Meredith Schmid, Administrative Assistant
Jeanne Cianciola, Administrative Assistant

NORWELL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Norwell Historical Commission ("NHC"), in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 8d and the Norwell bylaws, is to preserve and protect historic antiquities and archaeological resources throughout Norwell.

According to the bylaws of the Norwell Historical Commission, its responsibilities include the following:

- conducting research on places of historical, archeological and architectural value in the town;
- cooperating with the State Archaeologist in conducting surveys and reporting on sites in the town;
- coordinating activities with other preservation organizations in the town;
- keeping accurate records of its actions, and filing an annual report; and maintaining a membership of not less than three nor more than seven members, duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Members and Officers: No Commission members resigned this year. A new slate of officers was appointed in June with Trish Shepherd serving as Chair, Wendy Bawabe as Vice Chair, David DeGhetto as Treasurer, and Nancy McBride as Secretary. David DeGhetto volunteered to be the Historical Commission representative to the Community Preservation Committee. A motion was made and unanimously approved in January to reduce membership of the NHC to five members for the immediate future.

Projects:

- Local Historic District Study Committee: The Board of Selectmen appointed seven members to serve on this Committee. Members of the NHC are available as resources to this Study Committee at their request.
- Sergeant Samuel Stetson House: One of the three oldest houses in Norwell (85 Stetson Shrine Lane) was slated for demolition in September, 2011. Special Town Meeting in November, 2011 voted to spend \$35,500 of CPC funds to move the house to the cul-de-sac at the end of Stetson Shrine Lane. Using CPC administrative funds, the NHC hired Plymouth Archeological Rediscovery Project to perform an archeological dig surrounding the house--bits and pieces of pottery and brick from around 1810-1825 were found. An RFP was submitted and a contract was signed with Sylvester Moving Company to re-locate the house. The house was moved in August to the cul-de-sac on Stetson Shrine Road and shrink-wrapped. For safety reasons, a fence was erected around the structure. Both the Stetson Kindred and the Cemetery Committee expressed interest in moving the building to their adjacent property. The NHC submitted a placeholder article to the CPC for disassembly of the structure in case wither these options do not occur.
- Open Space & Recreation Plan: The Commission contributed its final comments to the Open Space & Recreation Committee in charge of updating this town-wide plan.
- Simon Hill Area: The NHC received a letter from the Mass Historical Commission in response to our Form A submittal for the Simon Hill Heritage Landscape. The Form A was not approved.

Town Meeting: One article was placed on the warrant by the Historical Commission at the Annual Town Meeting in May:

- Article 33 was a housekeeping issue which will need to be reintroduced annually re-authorizing the Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund. Approved.

Three articles were placed on the warrant by the CPC and supported by the Historical Commission:

- Article 8, STM: requested CPC funding to purchase 16± acres at 122 Mount Blue Street (Cuffee's Lane) for conservation, passive recreation and historic preservation purposes. Approved.
- Article 34, ATM: requested CPC funding for the James Library for historic preservation purposes. Approved.
- Article 35, ATM: requested CPC funding for the Norwell Historical Society to restore gravestones at the Jacobs-Collamore Cemetery. Approved.

Date Boards: The Historical Commission continues to work with the Norwell Historical Society jointly on this project. With each dateboard purchase comes a one-year membership in the Historical Society. Seven new dateboards were purchased in 2012. Thank you to Pam Bower-Basso for coordinating this program for the Historical Commission and the Historical Society.

Jacobs Farmhouse (Main Street): Historic New England (HNE) performed their annual inspection of the property on February 1, 2012. This property remains a community treasure. A new cast iron railing was installed at the Jacobs Lane entry, the plaster work and chimney repair was completed, and the West Barn door was repaired. The National Register of Historic Places application was completed by TTL Architects, but submission of the completed application was postponed until a decision could be made regarding possible inclusion of the Jacobs mill site by all interested parties. A lease agreement between the Town of Norwell and Norwell Farms, Inc., and a lease agreement between the Town of Norwell and Hornstra Farms, Inc. were both completed in 2012 and approved by the NHC. The Norwell Garden Club did extensive work on the front garden areas at the JFH property. An RFP for the repair work on the East Barn was submitted. The current tenants renewed their one-year lease in September.

Stetson-Ford House (Meadow Farms Way): The house is currently leased on a month-to-month basis. Work done on the house this year included: gutter repair, bulk head repairs, side door repairs, window repairs, and sealing of the back ell stairway from the kitchen/mud room area for heating purposes. An American Elm tree on the property was trimmed.

Demolition Delay By-Law: The Historical Commission either received applications for demolition, inspected properties which had previously applied for demolition, or completed the one-year delay as required by the Demolition Delay by-law on five properties in 2012:

1. 42 Main Street: Property was initially deemed historically significant in December, 2011. The property was then inspected by Commission members in February, 2012, and found that there was no architectural significance and the demolition delay period was waived.
2. 53-59 Washington Street: Property was inspected by the NHC and no architectural significance was found. One year demolition delay was waived.
3. 330 Old Oaken Bucket Road: Property was inspected by the NHC and a report by architectural historian Brian Pfeiffer was completed. House was deemed historically significant by the NHC on March 7, 2012. NHC determined that the barn on the property had already been "demolished by neglect" and requested that the homeowner dismantle it immediately. A public hearing to discuss the NHC's response to the homeowner's demolition plan took place on June 28, 2012. The NHC was of the opinion that it is in the public interest to save the home and asked the homeowner to make a "bona fide and reasonable effort" to preserve this important piece of Norwell/Scituate history. The one-year delay period is over on June 28, 2013.
4. 143 Pleasant Street: A demolition application was submitted and received on May 18, 2012. The house was determined to be historically significant by the NHC and a request for copies of a demolition plan was made to the homeowner.
5. 486 Mount Blue Street: A barn on the property was razed on December 14, 2012 and no demolition permit had been applied for. A permit was properly applied for on December 19, 2012. According to the Demolition Delay by-law, the NHC has 30 days from that date to determine if the structure is historically significant.

We are, as always, grateful for the assistance and support provided by the Board of Selectmen, the Highway Department, Building Inspector Tim Fitzgerald, Building and Zoning Secretary Judy Ockerbloom, Town Planner Chris DiIorio, and all the various town committees, boards and departments with which we share common interest. We would like to also thank James Boudreau for his continuing interest and advice.

We hope the citizens of this town continue to realize the importance of saving Norwell's history, and will aid the Commission in its on-going work to preserve our historic town.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shepherd, Chair
Wendy Bawabe, Vice Chair
David DeGhetto, Treasurer
Nancy McBride, Secretary
Robert Norris

THE PLANNING BOARD

During 2012 the Planning Board saw an increase in both residential and commercial land use activity as the Board conducted public hearings on proposed subdivisions, acted upon subdivision Approval Not Required plans, made recommendations to the Board of Appeals regarding site plans and comprehensive permits, decided on potential alterations to designated scenic roads, and made recommendations on amendments to the zoning bylaws.

Over the past year the Board provided oversight of almost twenty subdivisions in various stages of completion. One new subdivision, Harvest Place, began construction in 2012. This subdivision is located off Circuit Street and contains 3 lots. The roadway has been constructed and lots released for construction. Wildcat Hill, Norwell's first Open Space Residential Design subdivision, which, with 46 lots, is the town's largest subdivision in almost 40 years, has completed the phase 1 roadway and over 10 lots are in various stages of construction. Conservation restrictions at Wildcat Hill provide over 30 acres of open space, which includes newly constructed pathways that are open to the public for recreational purposes.

The Board has continued to work on zoning by-law changes for the town center. Using feedback from the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, and after additional discussions with local business owners, the Board will focus on amending the by-law as it pertains to allowed uses. If approved, the new zoning would encourage the kind of small scale businesses and residential options found in traditional, pedestrian friendly New England town villages.

The Pathway Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Planning Board, oversaw the completion of the first phase of pathway linking the Middle School and Cushing Hill Road during 2012. Town Meeting approved the use of Community Preservation monies to fund this project and feedback has been very positive. The Committee is seeking funds to complete the South Street connection and to plan for future expansion of the pathway.

In addition to regular Planning Board activities, the members of the Board serve on various other Town committees that require the participation of a Planning Board member by constitution. These committees include the Capital Budget Committee, the Community Preservation Committee and the Pathway Committee. These Boards and Committees meet throughout the year and require a substantial time commitment.

I. Subdivision Public Hearings.

In 2012, the Planning Board conducted public hearings for the Harvest Place subdivision. When complete the project will include three new homes and provide a potential water main link to the Barrel Lane Commons subdivision making it possible to create a looped connection.

II. Subdivision Surety and Construction Oversight

During 2012, the Planning Board provided surety and construction oversight for numerous subdivision projects. Under the Subdivision Control Law, G.L.c.41, §81U, ¶7, the Planning Board is required to impose surety to help ensure completion of the construction of a subdivision project. At the developer's election, the surety may be money-based or in the form of a restrictive covenant prohibiting the individual sale of or construction on the approved lots. As of December 31, 2012, the Town is holding over \$1.8 million in surety on the uncompleted projects. The projects listed below are in various stages of construction and remain under the Planning Board's supervision until construction is complete. When combined, these projects represent over 138 residential lots, 24 drainage basins and almost 2 miles of roadway.

BARREL LANE (Off Circuit Street)

Approved 4/06

15 lots on 28.3 acres

The project created 15 residential lots, 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street (Curtis Farm Road) with 1,180 linear feet. The Barrel Lane subdivision was approved on April 10, 2006. Subsequently, the applicant filed suit against the town regarding specific conditions required under the certificate of vote. Upon completion of the proceedings the applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on April 28, 2010. The roadway for this project is currently under construction. No lots have been released.

BATES LANE (f/k/a Prairie Farm) (Off High Street)

Approved 3/02

4 lots on 16.3 acres

This project created 4 residential lots (2 new lots and 2 reconfigured lots for existing dwellings). The project includes 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street (Bates Lane) with a length of 400 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on September 9, 2002. All lots have been released from the subdivision covenant. The Town holds \$16,456.64 in surety.

BIRCHWOOD (Off Grove Street)

Approved 6/01

11 lots on 18 acres

This project, approved on June 8, 2001, created 11 residential lots on 18 acres. The project includes 3 surface drainage basins and 2 roadways: 1 dead-end street with a length of 1,160 linear feet (Birchwood) and 1 dead-end street with 480 linear feet (Fieldstone). The applicant posted surety and the plan was endorsed on August 6, 2001. All lots have been released from the subdivision covenant. The Town holds \$98,923.00 in surety.

BRATTLE STREET / Bramblewoods (Off Grove Street)

Approved 2/99

5 lots on 6.6 acres

This project created 5 residential lots (4 new lots and 1 reconfigured lot to support an existing dwelling). The project includes 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street (Brattle Street) with a length of 750 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed in May 1999. All lots have been released from the subdivision covenant. The Town holds \$80,410.84 in surety.

COWINGS COVE (Off Summer Street)

Approved 2/06

7 Lots on 20.9 acres

This project created 7 subdivision lots (6 new lots and 1 reconfigured lot to serve an existing dwelling), on 20.9 acres of land, with a dead-end roadway a length of 653 feet and 1 surface stormwater drainage basin. A 10.8-acre conservation parcel has been deeded to the Maxwell Conservation Trust for permanent preservation. The subdivision is currently under construction and the Town currently holds \$250,000.00 surety in the form of a lender's agreement.

FOREST RIDGE (Off Summer Street)

Approved 5/02

7 lots on 8.6 acres of upland

This project created 7 residential lots on 9.1 acres, with 8.6 acres of upland. It includes 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street with a length of 500 linear feet. The subdivision plan was

endorsed on September 23, 2002, and construction began in the spring of 2005 and all lots were released from the subdivision covenant during 2006. The Town currently holds \$74,192.31 in surety.

HARVEST PLACE (Off Circuit Street)

Approved 4/12

3 lots on 6.11 acres of upland

This project created 3 lots on 6.11 acres. It includes 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street with a length of approximately 360 linear feet. The subdivision was endorsed on June 27, 2012, and construction of the roadway began in summer 2012.

HENRY'S LANE / Joshua's Landing (Off Norwell Avenue)

Approved 11/05

8 lots on 19.4 acres

This project created 8 residential lots (6 new lots and 2 reconfigured lots to support 2 existing dwellings) on 19.4 acres of land. It includes 3 surface drainage basins and 1 dead-end street with a length of 850 linear feet. This subdivision was approved on November 10, 2005. The Town currently holds \$145,000.00 in surety in the form of a Lender's Agreement.

HERITAGE ESTATES (Off River Street)

Approved 12/00

3 lots on 5.8 acres of upland

This project created 3 residential lots on 8.2 acres, with 5.8 acres of upland. It includes 2 drainage basins and 1 dead-end street (Heritage Lane) with a length of 450 linear feet. The building lots have been released from the subdivision covenant and the Town holds a \$54,000.00 surety bond.

HOLLY BERRY TRAIL (Off Grove Street)

Approved 4/04

6 lots on 6.4 acres

Construction on this subdivision was completed during 2008 and Holly Berry Trail was turned over to the homeowners' association as a private way. The Town is retaining \$2,753.32 in surety to ensure the structural integrity of the sidewalk until December 31, 2015.

JOHN NEIL DRIVE EXTENSION (Off John Neil Drive)

Approved 5/08

3 Lots on 3.15 acres

This project created 3 subdivision lots (2 house lots and 1 drainage lot), on 3.15 acres of land, extending the existing dead-end length of John Neil Drive by 186 feet. The project included a single surface stormwater drainage basin. This subdivision was endorsed on May 29, 2008.

LAURELWOOD DRIVE (Off First Parish Road)

Approved 2/98

24 lots on 77 acres

This project created 24 residential lots on 77 acres, with 42 acres of upland. Of the 24 lots, 3 lots are located entirely in Scituate and 6 lots are located partly in Scituate. The project includes 3 surface drainage basins and 1 dead-end street with a length of 1329 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on October 29, 1998. The project has been largely constructed, however, paving issues remain. During 2011 the Board released \$8,500 in surety with \$31,196.38 in surety remaining with the Town.

PARSON'S WALK (Off Circuit Street)

Approved 6/97

3 lots on 11.5 acres

This project created 3 residential lots on 11.5 acres. The project includes 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street with a length of 420 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on July 21, 1997. All lots were released from the subdivision covenant on October 16, 1998. The Town holds \$24,741.13 in surety.

TRUNNEL ESTATES (Off Main Street)

Approved 9/03

3 lots on 3.4 acres

This project created 3 residential lots (2 new lots and 1 reconfigured lot to support an existing dwelling), on 3.4 acres of land. The project includes 1 drainage basin and 1 dead-end street with a

length of 390 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on February 23, 2004. During 2009, the applicant largely completed subdivision construction. The Town holds surety \$154,000.00 surety in the form of a performance bond.

TURNER'S WAY SUBDIVISION MODIFICATION

Approved 4/05

6 Lots on 8.2 acres of upland

This project created 6 residential lots on 32.7 acres (8.2 acres of upland), at the end of Turner's Way, by dividing an existing lot into 5 new lots and 1 reconfigured lot to support an existing dwelling. The project required no drainage basin to support it and reduced the previously approved dead-end street length of Turner's Way from 1506 to 1448 linear feet. The project was approved on April 14, 2005. The Town holds \$30,884.91 in surety.

WALNUT TREE HILL ESTATES (Off Cross Street)

Approved 5/99

5 lots

This project created 58 lots; however, only 4 lots are located entirely in Norwell and 1 is located partially in Norwell. The Norwell portion of the project includes 1 surface drainage basin (partly located in Norwell), and Greenbriar Lane, with a length of 500 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on August 23, 1999. The Town holds a \$400,000.00 surety bond.

WILDWOOD LANE (Off Circuit Street)

Approved 11/95

4 lots on 6.5 acres of upland

This project created 4 residential lots on 10.9 acres. The project includes 1 surface drainage basin and 1 dead-end street with a length of 470 linear feet. The applicant posted surety and the plans were endorsed on November 27, 1995. The lots were released from the subdivision covenant on January 6, 2003. The Town holds \$72,629.64 in surety.

WILDCAT HILL OSRD (off Wildcat Lane)

Approved 10/10

This project will create 46 residential lots on approximately 76 acres. The project includes 4 new roadways, a wastewater treatment plant, 30 acres of public open space and a bridge crossing protected wetlands. The phase 1 roadway for this project has been completed and 26 of the 46 lots have been released from the covenant. The town holds a \$390,000 bond and builders lot #1 for surety on the phase 1 roadway.

III. Approval Not Required (Form A) Plans

During 2012, the Planning Board processed 15 Approval Not Required (ANR) plan applications. An ANR plan is a proposal to create a lot or parcel that does not require review under the subdivision control law. 10 ANR applications were approved and the remaining 5 were denied.

224 Main Street	approved
181 River Street	approved
21 Birchwood Lane	approved
72 Old Meeting House Lane	approved
122 Mount Blue Street	approved
99 Jacobs Lane.I	denied
99 Jacobs Lane.II	approved
215 Main Street	approved
Cross Street	approved
Pleasant Street.I	denied
Pleasant Street.II	approved
Harvest Place	approved
First Parish Lot I	denied

435 River Street	denied
435 River Street	denied

IV. Scenic Road Hearings

During 2012, the Planning Board processed 4 Scenic Road alteration applications. The Scenic Road by-law provides the Board the opportunity to review proposed alterations to stone walls and trees within the town right-of-way on town designated scenic roads. 4 applications were approved.

297 Circuit Street	approved
246 Prospect Street	approved
Prospect Street, Lot 75	approved
497 Mount Blue Street	approved

V. ZBA Site Plan Approval - Technical Review.

The Planning Board provides technical review assistance to the Board of Appeals for site plan applications under Zoning Bylaw §1530. The Board does not collect any application fees for this activity. The Planning Board provided site plan review comments on a 4,500 square foot retail building at 495 Washington Street and on a new 80,000 square foot medical facility in the Assinippi Industrial/Office Park.

VI. Street Acceptance Petitions.

No roadways were accepted at the 2012 town meeting.

VII. Master Plan Enactment.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board continued to work with its subcommittee, the Pathway Committee, to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout town. The Planning Board, and its staff Town Planner, spent significant amounts of time and energy on Pathway Committee related activities. During 2012, the Pathway Committee, through the Planning Board, has completed the first phase of a pathway linking the middle and high schools.

VIII. Zoning By-law Amendments.

During 2012, the Planning Board made recommendations on four by-law revisions, of which, two were approved at town meeting.

The first established a new stormwater by-law that requires review of projects that disturb more than 1 acre of land and affect municipal storm water systems. The second modified the existing floodplain by-law to make it consistent with the updated flood maps created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The other two recommendations concerned the town center with the intent of enabling the creation of a more pedestrian friendly and vibrant area. Feedback provided at town meeting was informative and the Planning Board will continue to explore options for improving the town center.

IX. General Town Government Assistance.

The Planning Board continued to direct the Town Planner during 2012 to provide valuable assistance for various Town Boards and Committees. Such assistance included:

- Drafting or reviewing bid documents, writing grant applications and maintaining financial spreadsheets for the Pathway Committee
- Provide mapping services for various Boards and Committees
- Providing general assistance for the Open Space Committee.

The Planning Board is grateful for the services of Town Planner Chris DiIorio and part-time Administrative Assistants Meredith Schmid and Jeanne Cianciola throughout the 2012 calendar year. Without these invaluable staff members, the volunteer Planning Board members would be hard pressed to fulfill their legal duties under the Subdivision Control Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Etzel, Chair
Kevin Cafferty, Vice Chair
Sally I. Turner, Clerk
Ken Cadman, Alternate Clerk
Kevin P. Jones

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Norwell adopted the Community Preservation Act (MGL Chapter 44B) in May of 2002. The Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is charged by the Town with the implementation of the Act in Norwell. The Act's stated purposes are to preserve open space and historic sites, and create affordable housing and recreational facilities. At least 10% of the CPA budget must be allocated to each of the first three areas annually.

During FY2012, the Town collected \$786,610.06 in net CPA surcharges (after abatements and exemptions). The matching funds from the state were \$246,566.00.

Community Preservation Act State Match History

Fiscal Year	Surcharge Raised	Less Abatements	Net Surcharge	State Match	Percentage Match
FY 2003	508,250	(2,145)	506,105	N/A	N/A
FY 2004	537,154	(1,342)	535,811	504,055	99.59%
FY 2005	562,232	(2,397)	559,835	534,732	99.80%
FY 2006	636,913	(2,778)	634,135	559,835	100.00%
FY 2007	676,719	(1,985)	674,734	634,135	100.00%
FY 2008	700,647	(2337)	698,310	674,734	100.00%
FY 2009	736,608	(2,608)	734,000	541,215	77.50%
FY 2010	752,607	(62)	752,545	311,164	42.39%
FY 2011	761,725	(1,077)	760,648	247,788	32.93%
FY 2012	788,313	(1,703)	786,610	246,566	32.42%
FY 2013	TBD	TBD	TBD	255,995	

The CPA law was amended at the state level in July 2012. There were several major changes including an expanded scope of Recreation projects eligible for CPA funding. With these changes in mind, the

Community Preservation Committee's annual meeting held on November 8, 2012, solicited feedback from town residents about Recreation needs and opportunities for the town. Anticipating requests for CPA funds for field improvements, the CPC hired Gale Associates to conduct a study to evaluate the condition of Norwell's athletic fields, quantify demand, and create a plan of action to meet that demand over time. In addition, other areas of CPA funding were discussed; Affordable Housing, Open Space and Historical Preservation.

Completed Projects

Pathways

Phase I of the bike path is complete, connecting the Middle School to the High School. The path officially opened in the fall and was greeted with great enthusiasm. Open to the public, the path is used by students and residents on a daily basis and has also been the designated route for several local road races.

Cuffee's Lane

The 16 acre Forslund property (122 Mount Blue Street) was purchased by the town, thereby preserving Cuffee's Lane, a historically significant cartpath dating back to the late 1700's. The property is already open to the public, but the Conservation Commission and CPC will be working in 2013 to improve parking, install signage, and rehab the stone walls along the roadside to encourage public access.

Circuit Street Affordable House

The South Shore Habitat for Humanity, assisted with a grant from the Affordable Housing Trust, completed a single family affordable home on Circuit Street. The family has moved in and is delighted with their new home.

James Library

CPA funds helped to underwrite the much needed restoration and rehabilitation of the Victorian Room in the James Library. The electrical wiring and lighting fixtures were brought up to code, and the walls and woodwork were restored to their original condition in the upstairs public meeting space. The Library is free and open to residents Tuesday through Saturday.

Jacobs Collamore Cemetery

CPA funding made possible the restoration of a small cemetery just off Jacobs Trail. The headstones, previously stored in a barn at the Jacobs Farmhouse site for safekeeping, were restored to their original site and the cemetery is now identified with proper signage.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

The Open Space and Recreation Plan for Norwell was updated to reflect current information about Norwell's undeveloped land, conservation areas, watershed information, and future planning. The plan was approved by the state, and will be valid for seven years. The plan reports are available at Town Hall, and are complete with aerial photographs and detailed maps.

Affordable Housing Group Home

The Town posted the RFP early in 2012, and Road to Responsibility was awarded the bid to build a new group home on Prospect Street. The construction for this much needed home is complete, and the new residents have moved in.

Ongoing projects:

Pathways – Phase II

Phase II of the Pathway is in the planning stages to connect the Middle School with the Town Center.

Sergeant Samuel Stetson House

Considered one of, if not the, oldest house in Norwell, the Sgt. Samuel Stetson House was shrink wrapped and is resting in a temporary location at the end of Stetson Shrine Road. Future plans for the house are under discussion.

Jacobs Farmhouse Restoration Projects

The Jacobs Farmhouse and outbuildings are undergoing several historic preservation projects, including new roofs and restoration to the farmhouse and outbuildings. The Historical Society has submitted the Jacobs Farm for membership on the National Historic Register.

Ongoing Business:

In May 2013, Town Meeting attendees will decide whether or not to appropriate CPA funds for several new projects including continuing historic preservation at Jacob's Farmhouse, new signage for Conservation properties, planning the next phase of the Pathway, Jacobs Pond upgrades to both the dock and picnic areas, and a major rehabilitation project for athletic fields.

The CPC meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 112 of the Norwell Town Hall. All residents are invited to attend. The CPC Application for Funding form and other pertinent information can be found on the Community Preservation Committee's page of the town's website.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Demong, Chair (At-Large)
Peggy Etzel, Vice Chair (Planning Board)
Rebecca Freed, (Board of Assessors)
Pat Richardson, Clerk (Recreation Commission)
Bob Norris (Historical Commission)
Fred Levin (Housing Authority)
Ann Buchanan (At-Large)
John Mariano (At-Large)
David Osborne, (Conservation Commission)
Ellen McKenna, Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Fiscal Year 2013 Tax Rate is \$ 16.10/Thousand.

Fiscal Year 2013 Valuations - Town of Norwell			
Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy
Residential	\$1,874,635,662.00	84.4144	84.4144
Open Space	\$0.00	0.0000	0.00
Commercial	\$258,529,953.00	11.6416	11.6416
Industrial	\$53,020,900.00	2.3875	2.3875
Personal Property	\$34,566,820.00	1.5565	1.5565
TOTAL	\$2,220,753,335.00	100.0000	100.0000

The Norwell Assessors' Office continues its ongoing efforts maintain accuracy in the record-keeping on property cards and assessments within The Town of Norwell and our Cyclical Inspections throughout the Town continue in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's regulations. The Board of Assessors and Staff have processed ninety-two Exemptions that continue to

be available to qualifying residents. The types of exemptions that are available are for disabled veterans, the blind, seniors with age, income and assets requirements, minors with a deceased parent with asset requirements, surviving spouse with asset requirements, tax deferral with age and income requirements and hardship with financial hardship due to age, infirmity or activated military status. Hardship exemptions are granted at the discretion of the Board. There is also a Community Preservation Surcharge Low/Moderate Income Exemption (CPA Exemption) with two different age categories and other requirements that include information requesting household annual gross income/dependents and medical expenses exclusion.

In these times of ever increasing expenses to the Town of Norwell that result in higher tax rates which cause higher taxes to its' residents, the Board of Assessors and Staff urge potentially qualifying residents to contact the Assessors' Office at 781-659-8014 with any questions about this exemptions.

The total recorded Real Estate Sales for Fiscal Year 2012 was one hundred eighty-one. Only five of those sales were "foreclosures" with two of the five being residential properties. The Town has had an increase in Personal Property accounts which brings the total number of these accounts up to five hundred seventeen.

Barbara Gingras, Assistant Assessor and Dawnelle Margro, Assistant to the Assistant Assessor are the Office Staff that processed ninety-two exemption applications and eighty-one abatement applications that the Board deliberated and made the final decision to either grant or deny those applications. There were also a total of twelve thousand one hundred fifty-seven motor vehicle excise bills and four hundred eighty-three motor vehicle abatements processed for calendar year 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norwell Board of Assessors

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Capital Budget Committee is please to submit a report of activities for 2012.

First, what is the Capital Budget Committee, and what do we do? The Capital Budget Committee (CBC) consists of five "at large" members from the community appointed by the Board of Selectman, one member representing the Planning Board, and one member representing the Advisory Board. The primary responsibility of the CBC is to review and recommend purchases to the Advisory Board that fit within the established definition of a capital expense. Typically the definition that has been used is any item costing greater than \$5,000.00 that has a useful life expectancy of greater than five years.

Our charge is to review each request and to try to develop an understanding of both the department need, as well as any negative consequences should a request be delayed, or denied. As each department head is primarily concerned with his or her own departments, it falls to the Capital Budget Committee to try and view these requests as a "sum of the whole" for our entire town.

Additionally, we have attempted to provide a five year forecast of projected expenses so that the town may utilize a more balanced yearly approach to our capital purchases.

This year we reviewed requests totaling \$740,112.00 of which we were able to recommend \$283,216.00.

In some instances we suggested delays in purchase, in other areas we suggested lesser appropriations for a variety of reasons. In some instances we did not recommend purchases at all as we felt there were other avenues available for departments to complete their stated goals.

Looking forward, it is the goal of this Capital Budget Committee to create a true Capital Improvement Plan for Norwell. We recognize that this will take time, and no plan will be perfect but we believe that

being equipped with a plan, and sticking to it will provide tremendous benefit as we try and best utilize the tax dollars entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted for the Capital Budget Committee
Jef Fitzgerald

TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand July 1, 2011	24,425,071.49
Receipts to June 30, 2012	38,461,711.42
Payments to June 30, 2012	37,108,024.33
Cash Balance June 30, 2012	25,778,758.58

VALLEY SWAMP FUND	
Balance in Fund July 1, 2011	15,616.37
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	24.81
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	15,641.18

LAURELWOOD SUBDIVISION	
Balance in Fund July 1, 2011	39,773.96
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	57.60
Withdrawn from Fund	8,645.18
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	31,186.38

BLACK POND/CLAPP BROOK ROAD	
Balance in Fund July 1, 2011	0.00
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	0.00
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	0.00

BRAMBLE WOODS ESTATES	
Balance in Fund July 1, 2011	80,255.74
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	127.46
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	80,383.20

TURNER'S WAY	
Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	30,825.45
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	48.96
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	30,874.41

PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	132,304.57
Added to Fund	0.00
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Investment Income Added to June 30, 2012	5,650.47
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	137,955.04

ARTS LOTTERY	
Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	3,882.63
Added to Fund	3,739.00
Investment Income Added to June 30, 2012	143.54

Withdrawn from Fund	1,645.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	6,120.17

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	499,573.39
Added to Fund	280,187.66
Withdrawn from Fund	52,284.60
Investment Income Added to June 30, 2012	40,157.41
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	767,633.86

FLORENCE M CUSHING TRUST

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	73,215.90
Added to Fund	16,366.11
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	2,863.50
Withdrawn from Fund	12,383.47
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	80,062.04

BIRCHWOOD LANE

Balance in Fund July 1, 2011	98,708.32
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	156.75
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	98,865.07

CONSERVATION FUND

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	150,232.66
Added to Fund	200,000.00
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Investment Income Added to June 30, 2012	20,195.73
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	370,428.39

JACOBS FARM TRUST FUND

Amount of Fund : \$147,317	
Investment Income available July 1, 2011	9,646.91
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	3,843.15
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	13,490.06

PRAIRIE FARM ESTATES

Balance in Fund July 1, 2011	16,424.96
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	26.08
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	16,451.04

HOLLY BERRY TRAIL ESTATES

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	2,748.00
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	4.38
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	2,752.38

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	1,719,420.24
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	4,738.32
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	1,724,158.56

EXCLUDED DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	452,332.56
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	784.56
Withdrawn from Fund	200,000.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	253,117.12

FENDER LIBRARY FUND

Amount of Fund: \$10,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	4,653.87
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	625.83
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	5,279.70

BICENTENNIAL LIBRARY FUND

Amount of Fund : \$400

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	254.06
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	27.91
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	281.97

ANNABEL WAKEFIELD LIBRARY FUND

Amount in Fund : \$100

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	63.52
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	6.98
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	70.50

MARJORIE K POTE REVOCABLE TRUST

Balance in Fund June 30, 2011	294,432.12
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	12,574.62
Withdrawn from Fund	0.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2012	307,006.74

ANNABEL WAKEFIELD POOR FUND

Amount in Fund : \$1,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	2,531.85
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	133.19
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	300.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	2,365.04

ABIGAIL T. OTIS CHARITY FUND

Amount of Fund : \$2,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	21,236.42
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	992.39
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	22,228.81

TRICENTENNIAL TRUST FUND

Amount of Fund : \$100

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	310.48
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	17.54
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	328.02

JOHN CROCKER BOND MEMORIAL FUND

Amount of Fund : \$10,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	732.13
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	418.83
Withdrawn for Scholarship Award	200.00
Investment Income available to June 30, 2012	950.96

ASHLEY B. & MINNIE F. JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Amount of Fund: \$10,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	757.95
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	453.66
Withdrawn for Scholarship Award	300.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	911.61

DOROTHY S. FOGG SCHOLARSHIP FUND "A"

Amount of Fund : \$25,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	1,426.29
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	1,118.41
Withdrawn for Scholarship Award	500.00
Investment Income available to June 30, 2012	2,044.70

DOROTHY S. FOGG SCHOLARSHIP FUND "B"

Amount of Fund : \$25,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	1,409.98
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	1,117.71
Withdrawn for Scholarship Award	500.00
Investment Income available to June 30, 2012	2,027.69

LEONARD COX EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	13,852.51
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	571.17
Withdrawn for Scholarship Award	1,000.00
Investment Income available to June 30, 2012	13,423.68

ABIGAIL T. OTIS CEMETERY FUND

Amount of Fund : \$1000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	72.19
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	45.77
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	117.96

ABIGAIL T. OTIS TOMB FUND

Amount of Fund : \$500

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	36.07
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	22.89
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	58.96

COFFIN CEMETERY AND CHARITY FUND

Amount of Fund : \$2,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	144.34
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	91.64
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	235.98

E GAUDETTE FLOWER FUND

Amount of Fund: \$1,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	161.96
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	33.75
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	18.30
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	177.41

MARY E. FARRAR - JOSEPH ESTES CEMETERY FUND

Amount of Fund : \$1,000

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	476.38
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	40.58
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	112.45
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	404.51

CHARLES H PIKE PERP/CARE

Amount of Fund: \$200

Investment Income available July 1, 2011	58.35
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	11.04
Investment Income withdrawn to June 30, 2012	0.00
Investment Income available June 30, 2012	69.39

NORWELL CEMETERY PERMANENT FUND

Balance July 1, 2011	185,981.62
Receipts from Sale of Lots to June 30, 2012	7,217.16
Withdrawn from Fund	20,000.00
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012	2,729.32
Balance June 30, 2012	175,928.10

NORWELL CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	PRINCIPAL	INV INCOME
BALANCE JULY 1, 2011	215,186.80	72,304.96
Added to Fund	200.00	
Investment Income added to June 30, 2012		12,236.42
Withdrawals to June 30, 2012		1,894.30
BALANCE June 30, 2012	215,386.80	82,647.08
		298,033.88

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARY MERRITT, ASSISTANT TREASURER

TOWN COLLECTOR**OUTSTANDING BALANCES - June 30, 2011**

2011 REAL ESTATE TAX	380,967.43
2011 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE	9,104.76
2010 REAL ESTATE TAX	-10,555.85
2004 SUPPLEMENTAL REAL ESTATE TAX	2,866.00
2004 SUPPLEMENTAL CPA ASSESSMENT	208.19
2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	5,209.26
2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	3,849.10
2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	1,659.52
2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	254.88

2007 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	1,603.41
2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	5,754.38
2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	157,601.94
2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	19,057.03
2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	20,173.76
2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	6,524.23
2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	5,255.51
2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	5,779.62
2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	4,344.68
2004 & PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	51,919.15
2011 WATER RATES	222,125.67
2011 WATER LIENS	8,515.02
2011 FIRE PROTECTION	1,250.00
2011 CROSS CONNECTION	85.00
2011 BOAT EXCISE	543.00
2010 BOAT EXCISE	266.00
2009 BOAT EXCISE	698.00
2008 BOAT EXCISE	113.00
2007 BOAT EXCISE	115.00
2006 BOAT EXCISE	65.00
POLICE EXTRA DETAIL	14,806.85
POLICE DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	11,603.62

TOTAL OUTSTANDING - June 30, 2011 **931,763.16**

COMMITMENTS RECEIVED - July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

2012 REAL ESTATE TAX	31,481,932.68
2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE	788,313.04
2012 BETTERMENTS & INTEREST	5,174.83
2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	470,397.78
2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,649,277.71
2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	191,823.44
2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	35.52
2012 WATER RATES	1,733,511.96
2012 WATER LIENS	95,187.75
2012 BACKFLOW	60.00
2012 FIRE PROTECTION	12,000.01
2012 CROSS CONNECTION	120.00
2012 BOAT EXCISE	5,529.00
POLICE EXTRA DETAIL	205,253.09
POLICE DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	14,226.97

TOTAL COMMITMENTS **36,652,843.78**

REFUNDS PAID	132,108.83	
RESCINDS	2,457.13	
PAID TO TREASURER		35,581,019.90
ABATEMENTS		251,268.01
2011 REAL ESTATE ADDED TO TAX TITLE		19,210.14
2012 REAL ESTATE ADDED AS SUBSEQUENT TAX TITLE		123,226.20
2011 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SUR.ADDED TO TAX TITLE		281.98
2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SUR.ADDED TO TAX TITLE		2,572.84
2011 WATER LIEN ADDED TO TAX TITLE		87,295.39
2012 WATER LIEN ADDED TO TAX TITLE		1,469.76

2012 WATER PENALTY

25,929.04

35,832,287.91

OUTSTANDING BALANCES - June 30, 2012

2012 REAL ESTATE TAX	535,398.40
2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE	11,571.48
2011 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE	-174.14
2010 REAL ESTATE TAX	-5,111.48
2010 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE	-43.19
2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	10,743.36
2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	2,511.52
2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	3,592.95
2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	1,663.62
2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	254.88
2007 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	1,603.41
2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	5,754.38
2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	69,195.94
2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	19,929.87
2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	8,810.73
2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	18,436.23
2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	5,784.75
2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	5,082.80
2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	5,459.62
2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	3,753.33
2004 & PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	51,252.59
2012 WATER LIENS	25,613.71
2011 WATER LIENS	87,295.39
2012 FIRE PROTECTION	725.00
2012 CROSS CONNECTION	20.55
2012 BOAT EXCISE	561.75
2011 BOAT EXCISE	389.01
2010 BOAT EXCISE	266.00
2009 BOAT EXCISE	698.00
2008 BOAT EXCISE	113.00
2007 BOAT EXCISE	115.00
2006 BOAT EXCISE	65.00
POLICE EXTRA DETAIL	17,636.51
POLICE DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	11,524.21

TOTAL OUTSTANDING - June 30, 2012

900,494.18

37,719,172.90 37,719,172.90

COLLECTED AND PAID TO TREASURER:

INTEREST	107,765.06
COSTS, CHARGES, & FEES	36,692.48
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	28,900.00
UNCLASSIFIED REVENUE	338.52
AMBULANCE REVENUE	568,842.46

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
MARY MERRITT, ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR

